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Class of 2007 joins laptop initiative



by Joel Shaw, The Stoutonia

Red balloons that read "Wireless Here" marked central campus during the second year of laptop rollouts for incoming freshmen. Seventeen-hundred laptops were issued and students received training before they could begin using their new computers.

Joel Shaw

A short Vanguard Computers Inc. truck convoy delivered the 1,700 laptops, backpacks and accessories destined for the hands of the second generation of E-scholars on Wednesday, Aug. 27. The following day, a well-rehearsed and orchestrated distribution process began.

Laptop initiative project manager Vic Mincoff stood smiling while he waited at the south door of the Memorial Student Center for the first group of freshmen to begin the laptop distribution process aided by 150 staff and student volunteers.

"We're all prepared and ready to go," said Mincoff. "We're all set!"

Mincoff credits all personnel involved in the laptop initiative for building on the best practices and lessons of the fall 2002 rollout and improvements made for the fall 2003 rollout.

According to Marilyn Mars, director of procurement and materials management, the new PCs are Compaq 610s running Windows XP home edition. The Apples are Powerbook G4s running OS X.

The actual distribution process consisted of three brief sessions given to groups of 35-60 freshmen. The groups were formed based on dorm assignments, each group represented a specific floor.

Jane Henderson, an instructional designer and coordinator of the Laptop Training Team said that this helps establish a learning community on the floor.

"The goal is to take the emphasis away from technology and put it on learning," Henderson said, although initially the focus is on the technical features of the laptops during rollout. "Tech is the easy part."

A chorus of "yes'!" echoed through the upper-level of the student center as the first floor Fleming group was ushered into the first rollout session.

"I think it's going to be really helpful and fun," said Nick Becker, a freshman majoring in engineering technology, about the laptop program.

However, Becker said that the University of Wisconsin-Stout laptop initiative was not a determining factor in his choice of schools, and if laptops were not offered he'd get one anyway.

The first of four sessions was a fast-paced, ten minute multimedia presentation featuring Assistant Professor Alec Kirby, Professor Bruce Maylath and Chancellor Sorensen, each of whom stressed the value of the laptop and its role in enhancing the learning process at UW-Stout.

The session closed with a stern warning by the Vanguard representatives to delay powering up the laptops until the latest anti-virus software was installed during the e-mail training session.

Training session two consisted of an eighteen minute PowerPoint presentation by Vanguard representatives that stressed laptop security, functions and care.

Session three entailed the signing of contracts, inspection and distribution of the backpacks containing the laptops. The actual process took only two minutes per student.

"I think the [distribution] process went very well," said Becker as he exited the Great Hall, backpack in hand.

The fourth and final training session was an hour in length, covering critical procedures and practices relating to updating virus definitions, setting up wireless configurations, logging on to E-Scholar, backing up documents, mapping network drives and adding campus printers.

Sophomore Jamie Kraft, who will be majoring in hotel, restaurant and tourism management, thought the entire training session went well.

"It helped me understand more about the computer," she said. Kraft owns an older laptop and was pleased to have a newer one.

The training sessions took a total of an hour and a half to complete.

New signs for campus buildings add color and direction

Amanda Herr

In 1997, the University of Wisconsin-Stout first recognized the need for new exterior signs to mark campus buildings after many comments were heard of the old signs not serving their purpose: helping people find places on campus.

Six years later, 150 new signs were put in place. The signs were installed over the summer by Poblocki & Sons, a signage company based in Milwaukee, Wis.

"The old signs were nearly 30 years old and had badly deteriorated," said John Enger of University Relations. "Many of them were rotten and most of them were no longer readable."

Expected to last 20-30 years, the new signs all have a unified color and type style that project UW-Stout's image, a goal that the Exterior Signage Committee set in the spring of 2001.

"The overriding principles that guided the selection were the need for signs that would provide adequate direction and information and enhance the image of UW-Stout," said campus planner Annette Taylor.

Once the design was approved by the chancellor, another team walked the campus and looked at all buildings from different vantage points. According to Taylor, digital photographs were taken of all potential sites for signs and those images were sent to Poblocki & Sons.

The company then superimposed drawings of the signs on the photos as they

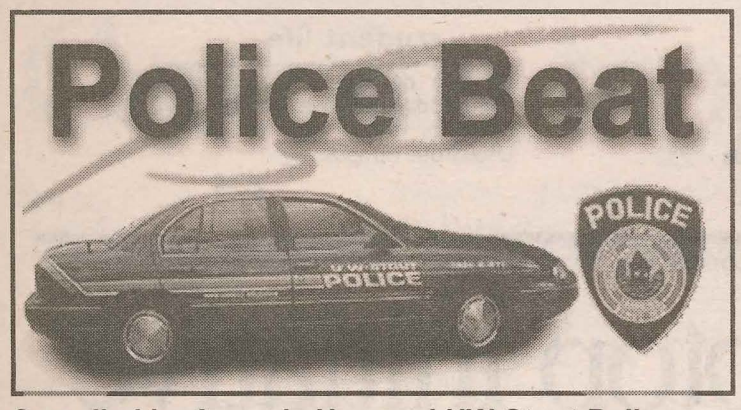
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Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Burned recliner
On Aug. 16, a univesity police officer noticed the framework of what used to be a recliner on the sidewalk of the 1700 block of 5th St E., behind the tennis courts. The officer reported that the recliner had been brought there and intentionally burned sometime in the early morning hours. The fire was out upon the officer's arrival and Menomonie Fire Department was not called. It is unknown who owned the recliner and who burned it.

Stolen bike
On Aug. 17, a student moving into Fleming Hall reported his new bike stolen from the bike rack near the northwest entrance to the building. The bike was not locked to the rack and was unsupervised for five minutes during which time it was taken. The student gave no one permission to take the bike. The bike is valued at $230.

Torn screen
On Aug. 21, an employee at Johnson Fieldhouse reported that someone had ripped the green wind screen on the south end of Williams Stadium. It is estimated that the screen was ripped around the end of July and the damage will cost approximately $240 to repair. No one was given permission to damage the screen and no suspects or witnesses have been found.

Stolen picnic table
On Aug. 26, a UW-Stout ground supervisor reported that a steel picnic table near Fleming Hall was stolen around 2:00 p.m. by unknown persons. The table is valued at $500.

Suspicious activity
On Aug. 29 an employee working on the third floor of Millennium Hall reported suspicious activity. It was reported that when employees came into work in the morning, their computers were on and power strips had been moved. No items were reported missing.

Vandalized car
On Aug. 30, a student in Hovlid Hall reported his 1989 Buick LaSabre, which he was in the process of making look like a NASCAR racer, had been vandalized. It is suspected that the vandals caved in the roof of the vehicle by walking or jumping on the truck, roof and hood of the vehicle. It appeared that another vehicle with wide tires backed into the LaSabre's left rear bumper breaking the rear tail light, damaging the trunk lid and smashing both the rear and front unfinished spoilers. The NASCAR-type muffler, which extended beyond and through the rear spoiler, was also bent out of position. The student gave no one permission to damage the vehicle. The are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Suspicious smokers
On Aug. 31, universtiy police was dispatched to North Hall to investigate a possible marijuana incident. The complainant reported she had observed two males smoking in the bushes on the west side of the building and believed they may have been smoking marijuana. A check of the bushes revealed that the males had left the area.

Signs /A long-term investment

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would appear in real life.

The total cost of all 150 signs was approximately $450,000.

"The response to the new signs has been overwhelmingly positive," said Taylor.

"There have been many comments from the community, faculty, staff and students indicating what a great improvement the signs are to the campus."

However, some students have been raising questions about the cost of the signs and whether the money should have been spent during the budget crisis the state of Wisconsin is currently in.

"Our teachers can't even give us a syllabus but we have these huge signs," said junior interior design major Kristy Johnson, in reference to UW-Stout's emphasis on using the Web instead of paper to distribute information to students.

"These signs were actually ordered and paid for before we reached the budget crisis," said Enger.

"There is always a concern that some people will misinterpret this investment, so we delayed the installation somewhat. Although we are in the most serious budget crisis in recent history we must continue to move forward as a campus. The signs are an integral part of our operation and we simply needed to do this now."

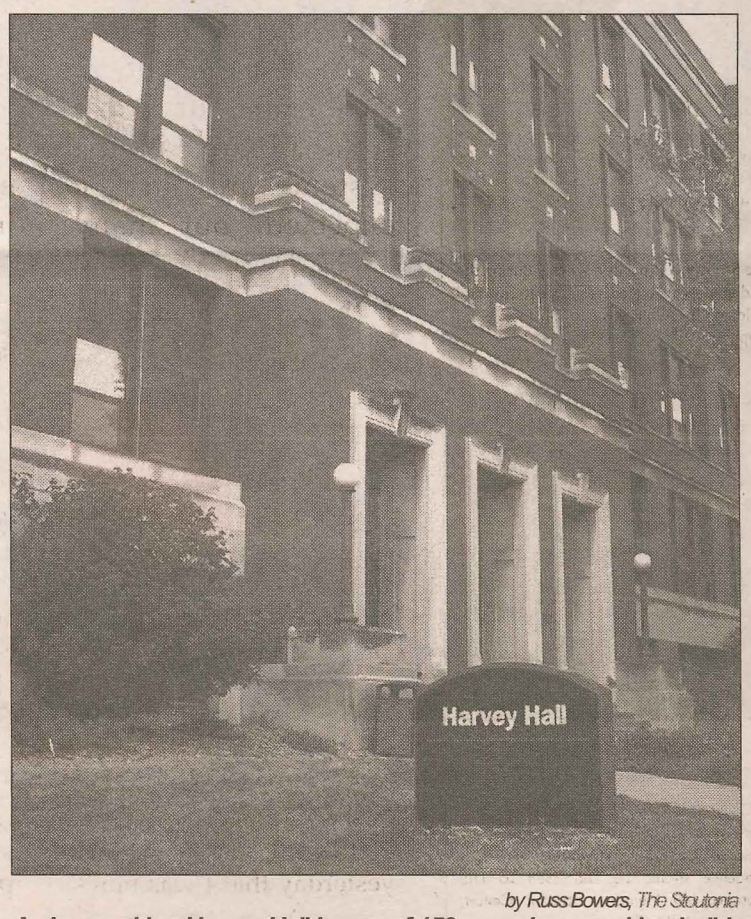
Funds from parking, residence life, dining, the student center and general purpose revenue were used to purchase the signs from the 2002-2003 budget.

"Most of the signs were paid out of what is called program revenue and not tax dollars," said Enger.

"The parking signs were paid through our self-supporting parking operation and the signs on the student center, Commons and residence halls were paid out of user fees."

It is hoped that the cost of this investment in the appearance of campus will pay off because the signs are expected to stand for at least 20 years.

"UW-Stout is very pleased with the enthusiastic response that has been received as a result of this project," said Taylor.

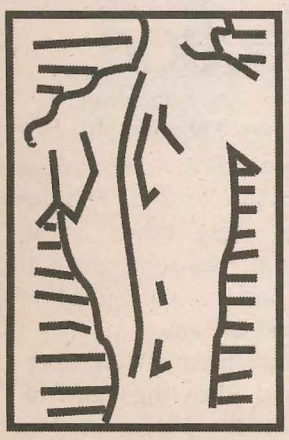


by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

A sign marking Harvey Hall is one of 150 new signs marking buildings and athletic fields across the UW-Stout campus this year.

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Worth Hearing Once

Does Prego Pasta Sauce make you think of pregnant women? It should.

Welcome back to the land of almost perfect

Coming back to school is a great thing for most students. Seeing old friends, partying and enjoying the last few days of warmth left in Menomonie are at the top of everyone's list. But along with the good comes the bad.

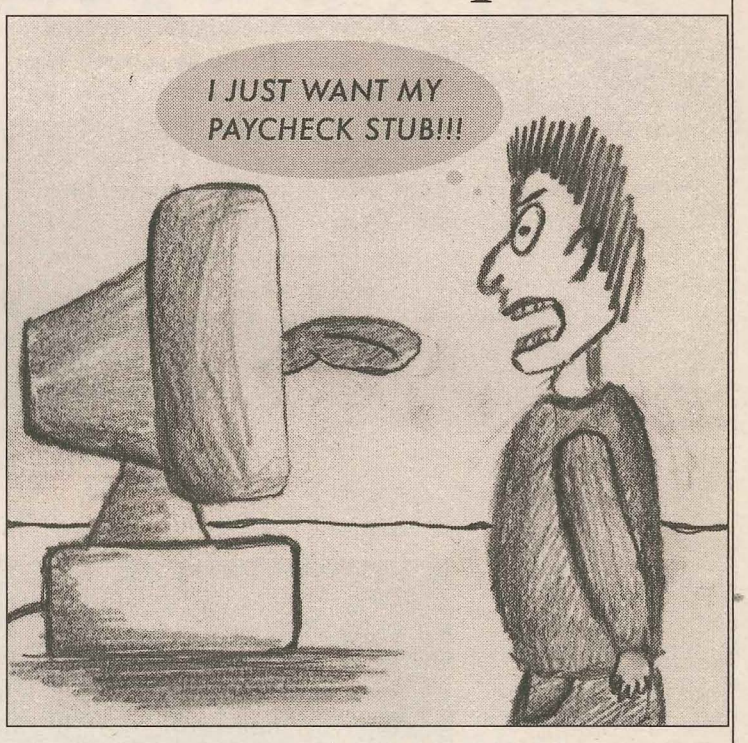
Many students have noticed that there are new signs around campus to inform people which buildings are which. This is very handy for those of us that have been having trouble finding Harvey Hall.

With all the budget cuts facing our school some hiccups in the system are to be expected, but many students are finding that the classes they signed up for are far from the classes they are actually taking this semester.

Professors are being switched around within the different departments to cover for the changes that are happening. This is obviously annoying to students, and one would have to assume that professors are not thrilled by the situation.

Students plan out a course list by times and professors. When those change, students get upset.

And some students even had days switching. Can they do that?



"Congrats! You now have classes on Saturday at 8 a.m.!"

Paychecks are now to be picked up at the SOC desk? Weren't they trying to get those out of the MSC?

And now the paycheck stubs are being emailed also. If it saves tuition money by not printing or buying paper, so be it.

One more time around the block



ENDGAME
Ann Syrstad

As my senior year begins, it amazes me just how fast time has flown. It seems so cliche, but it really did seem like just yesterday that I was moving into Jeter Hall as a freshman. I was so naive, yet I thought I was very mature and responsible.

That is what I like about college. Every year you get older, wiser and better prepared for that notorious "real world" out there.

As I walked through campus this week I felt so "new." I realized that studying abroad really puts you out of reality and that it really is hard to get back into the swing of things. I saw people around campus that in semesters previous I may have had in class or went to house parties with; but now I cannot even remember their names.

I see fashion throughout campus that I never thought possible for a campus like ours. I saw everything from guys in capri pants to girls wearing polka dot dresses. Along with all of the new fashion, I also noticed many new funky hairstyles and accessories.

As with previous years, I noticed that the general persona of students was still just as friendly. I walked by people I had never seen before and I still got a smile. And that, by far, is my favorite thing about being back!

Get involved - at your own pace



NEWLOOK
Diane Wichern

Last semester I wrote an article on the fallacies I attributed to dating. I deemed dating an inadequate means of introduction at the time.

While I still stand by the hazy ground surrounding this topic, for the most part I don't believe going on a date in order to get to know another person is as imbecilic of an idea as I did a year ago.

You see, last year in both my opinion and my experiences, I was caught up in the rush. I was caught up in the whirlwind of freshmen that all needed to make that human connection the first or second weekend at school.

And here again, in my first week back, I feel that urgency, but because I've felt it before, I can recognize it and step back and rethink whether or not this feeling is really as important as I think it is.

I came into this college atmosphere straight from my high school friends, and I felt I was supposed to be ready and willing to instantly replace them with people I'd just met.

If I could empower myself to offer one piece of advice to the new freshmen coming into this school, or even to the sophomores who haven't quite grasped it yet, I would say, "Take your time."

There are too many unseen variables and unknown opportunities to settle for something less than what you want. There may be an unseen pressure put on you to make friends with your roommate and to make friends here at school and to leave your old life behind in favor of the "new you" college created, but it shouldn't overwhelm the person you were.

Without a doubt, no one cares if you don't have anyone to hang out with that first weekend, or even that second weekend. It is not important.

School has started and believe me, you will have plenty of opportunities to make friends. Life won't pass you by if you don't jump in right away. I find nothing wrong with lowering yourself slowly outside your comfort zone.

Of course the flipside of that is if you never stray outside it at all. There is a very fine line between avoiding a situation you know you don't want and never creating an opportunity you want, like to meet someone new.

Ultimately it's your choice whether or not to involve yourself. All I can really do is caution you to question your motives for getting involved and warn you that I don't think it's a good idea to sacrifice the person you are in order to fit in.

The rest is up to you.

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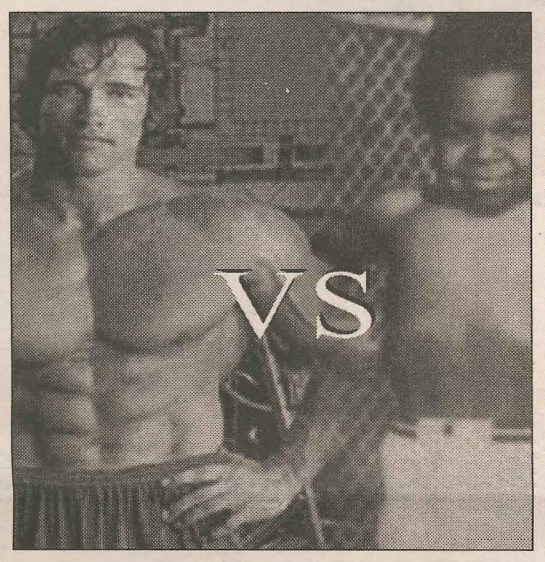
Arnold vs. Gary



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

Here are some thoughts on the California Governor's race a.k.a. "Whatchu talkin' 'bout Arnold?"

People thought that Minnesota made a mistake in electing Jesse Ventura. The current situation in California involving gubernatorial candidates is so ridiculous that they have to be seen to be believed. I'll leave the ribbings and jeers to Leno and Letterman, because while it's clear that the vast majority of Americans feel that Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gary Coleman and Larry Flint's candidacies are ludicrous, one thing has slipped through the radar of comedians and critics alike: In response to the recall of Governor Gray Davis, Californians have to pick one of these men to be their governor.



Now, this got me thinking, if I lived in California, who would I vote for? I pondered this for quite some time and have come up with what, I think, is a very reasonable decision.

I first considered Schwarzenegger because after all, he is a very nice guy and a family man. But then I remembered some of his not-quite-as-good-as-Terminator movies. Sorry Arnold, I can forgive you for "Junior" and maybe even "Batman Forever," but "Jingle All the Way"? That one jingled all the way to the discount video section at Super America. Schwarzenegger is trying to present himself as an "everyman" candidate, but a former Mr. Universe just isn't everyman's choice. Sorry, Arnie.

I then considered Flint. Now this may seem like an obvious choice to some of you fellahs out there, but again I was unable to make a strong endorsement. While Flint clearly knows how to work the system, he may know how to work it too well. He could bend anybody to his will, taking on a kind of super-villain like status. Creepy.

Then I got to Gary Coleman. Now, this candidate I love. He doesn't need to have a strong view point on issues to be effective. Coleman can simply breeze his way through, and when he is asked a tough question asks, "Whatchu talkin' bout?" and move on. He also is the most experienced politically.

Remember that episode of "Diffrent Strokes" where he helped Nancy Reagan bust elementary school drug addicts? If you don't , it was a triumph of American TV and a good showcase for Coleman's leadership abilities.

So there you have it, my endorsement for California Governor. One final thought has been bothering me. Is the collection of all these odd characters in one place a sign of the apocalypse, or just a sign of the next celebrity boxing circuit? Oh, well. Happy Voting!

Tell 'em that you love 'em



CUP O JOEL
Joel Shaw

Hey, welcome to college! College rocks! Your experiences, both inside and outside of class will provide life experiences on which to build or abandon; it's up to you. Just as the time you spent as a child, growing up in your home; you have memorable experiences.

Remember those times when you thought you had the coolest parents ever? They shared some awesome times with you, and you were a better person for it because you learned something new about yourself and also about your parents.

You gained respect and understanding for what it meant to be a parent and the responsibility that comes with taking care of a child—you—through good times and bad. You can always appreciated them!

Remember the times when you thought your parents sucked because they didn't understand you and seemed not to respect your needs and your space? Remember when you thought they were so stupid that you were sure some mistake had been made at the hospital shortly after you were born and they sent you home with thesewouldbe losers?

Not all of you grew up in natural parent households, many of you did. It doesn't matter. What matters is that two human beings joined to bring you into this world, for better or worse. It matters, too, that they looked out for you, fed you, clothed you and guided you as best they could.

Obviously, given that you are here at UW-Stout at this time in your life and not sucking on a crack pipe and wiping your ass with a newspaper under a bridge is an indication that you are determined to make something out of your life. You desire to succeed. Do it!

You are also here because you have, presumably, received the necessary support from your parents to move forward in your life in a responsible and mature way. Remember those parents whom you thought were stupid, insensitive losers? Yeah, them.

They are the ones who did the best they could, given their own human weaknesses and shortcomings, to nurture and guide you, and get you to this point and place in your life.

Parents are a gift. Parents are on this earth and available to you temporarily. Be grateful, thank them, tell 'em you love 'em, then take it to the next level and tell them why - before it's too late.

Life changes in a split second



SPECIALLOOK
Jay Fish

Riding motorcycles is one of my favorite things to do. I shared many great times with my girlfriend Tina's arms wrapped around me just riding out on country roads enjoying the scenery. I'm sure all of you can relate to a certain activity that you have shared with your significant other.

I remember the first "date" that we had when we went riding. I took Tina to Devil's Punchbowl; we went for a long walk and talked. We really got to know each other that day. We had so much in common it was unreal. By the end of that date we were already finishing each others sentences. From that moment on, I knew she was the perfect girl for me.

Another time right at the end of last semester I was walking Tina to her dorm, and she stopped me in the stairwell and just started crying. She told me how much she loved me and that she didn't want to be apart from me over the summer. I told her that we would make it through the summer even though we were going to be three hours apart.

There was no doubt in my mind that when we got back to school this fall things were going to be perfect. We saw each other as much as possible over the summer and we talked on the phone everyday. It was the best summer of my life.

Finally move in day came. We were both so excited to be only a hundred feet apart. What a great first few days we spent together.

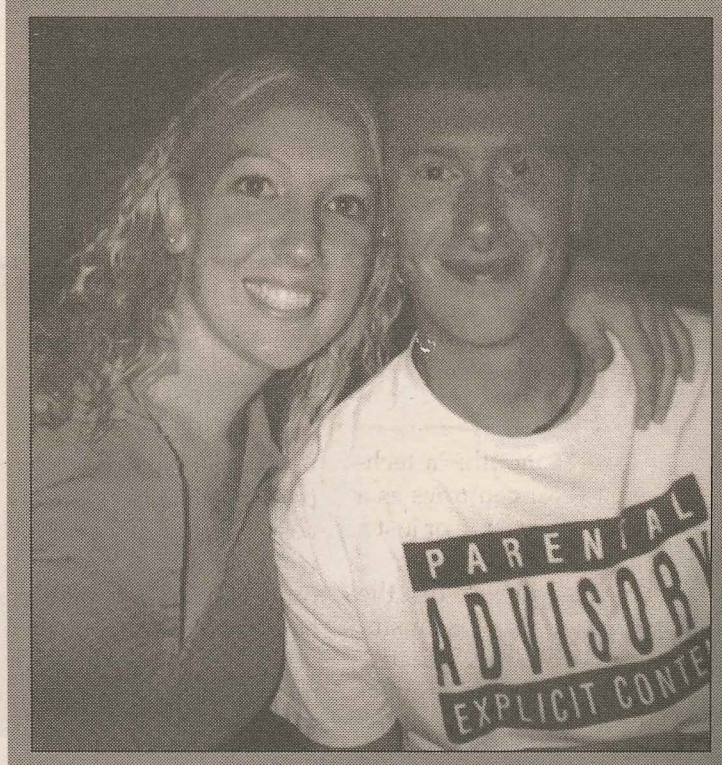
Now I will never see her again. Tina was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident early Monday morning. She was riding with a friend when they missed a turn, Tina was killed instantly.

My world has been turned upside down. Tina made my life complete and now I have a gaping hole in my heart that can never be filled.

You always hear people say college is the best four years of your life. For me, this is now untrue. Tina's love and her memories will always be with me, but my life is forever changed.

I will never get to hold her again. I will never kiss her again. I will never get to wake up with her in my arms.

Fortuneately, the last thing I ever said to her was "I love you." That is one thing that I will never forget. Baby, I love you unconditionally, and I always will.



The Stoutonia sends its sympathy to the family and friends of Tina Mohr.

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A new year, one car load at a time

Tiffany Laschinger

Excitement has been building for weeks, and everything is is packed up ready to go the night before, falling asleep has never been so difficult.

The alarm clock rings; it's 6 a.m. After a long car ride, the University of Wisconsin-Stout is in view. The excitement is briefly replaced with horror at the sight of miles of cars all waiting to do the same thing.

Move in day began Wednesday of last week for freshmen and transfer students, and from the opinion of many students, the day went well.

"I didn't have any problems," said Stephanie Senechal, a freshman in studio art. "There were three groups of people helping me with my stuff."

Three organizations including Campus Crusade for Christ, Women's Cross Country and Women's Soccer helped with move in this year along with other students that volunteered.

"We basically just moved boxes and watched their stuff; it was tiring," said David Bauer, a senior in applied math and computer science. "It was a service; we helped people out."

Cars that were overloaded with boxes of clothes, picture frames and bulk packs of Ramen noodles pulled into the Sports and Fitness Center parking lot. This year, Housing and Resident Life decided to save students the hassle of waiting in another line by passing out keys while they sat in their cars.

"Once they reached their building, they were all ready to enter their rooms," said Martin Fritz, the assistant director of Housing and Residence Life.

Many students showed up early in the morning with their family in tow to help carry an endless line of boxes.

"Move in time was from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.," said Paula Sippy, the hall director of HKMC. "People were sitting in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. ready to move in."

Once students reached the front of the line, they unloaded their stuff onto the curb and parked their car. They were then ready to start bringing things into their rooms to mark the beginning of their college experience.

Lists are made to make sure that everything that a person could ever possibly need was bought before the summer ended, but there are also things that could not fit into an 11' by 17' dorm room.

"It can be very hard to determine what is necessary to bring and what sentimental stuff you want at school," said Fritz.

Even with advice and careful planning, some students found that a trip to Wal-Mart was necessary.

"I felt I didn't have everything I needed here," said Senechal. "I thought these rooms would be smaller."

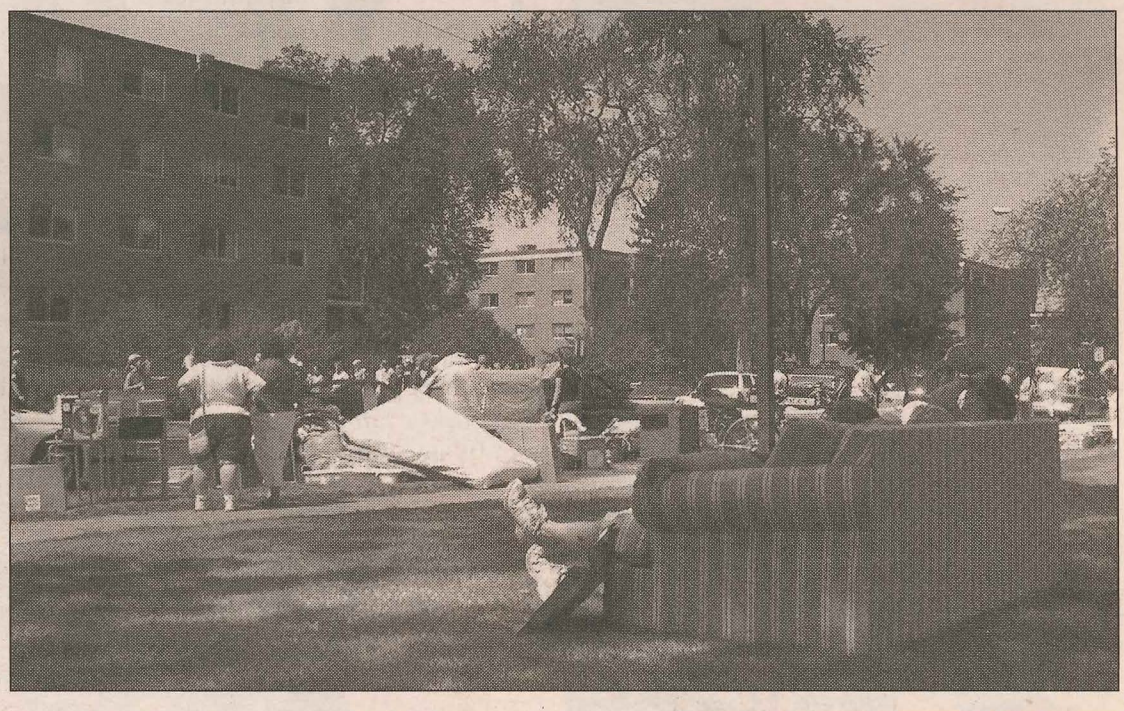
The next step for many students was to rent a loft from the semi trucks that were parked on campus. The cost was $70 and another awkward object to carry into the dorms.

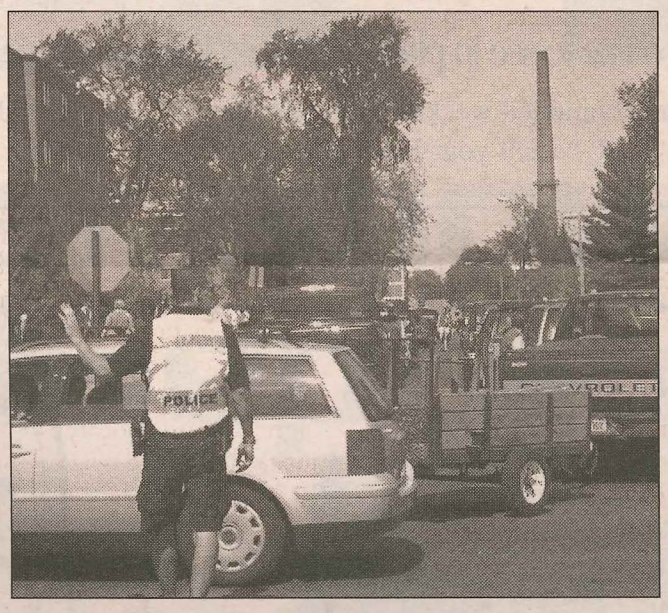
"Getting a loft was hard," said Anika Christ, an undeclared freshman. "It's huge and hard to carry if you don't have anyone to help you."

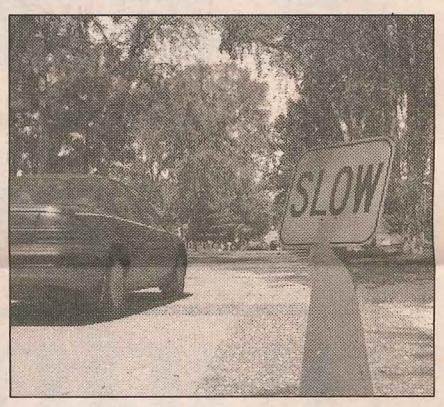
After move in is finished and parents turn around to go home, students are left to make their room a home and to begin their new life. Living with a stranger or an old friend can be a fun, but also a difficult experience for many college students.

"It is hard adjusting to living with your peers instead of an authority figure," said Rachel Lindhart, a junior in industrial design.

Scott Griesbach, the director of Housing and Residence Life, has been in this field for 23 years and offers this advice for students, "Realize that everyone else is in the same situation that you are. You have to compromise, it may be what neither of want, but what you can live with."







by Joel Shaw, The Stoutonia

top **Students unloaded their cars onto the sidewalks** bottom left **police helped regulate the constant traffic through campus** bottom right **cars were also allowed to drive on the sidewalks.**

A new batch of partygoers gives cops more work

Tiffany Laschinger

Word of mouth: a technique used for centuries as a means of advertising or just a way to get a message out.

Some students on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus have found that this grapevine way of receiving information can be very useful when they are trying to find a party on Friday night.

"We had our door open and people would walk in say 'hi' and then they would tell us where the party was that night," said Rebecca Oosterhouse, a freshman in graphic communications management.

The dorms are an easy way to get the word out for a party by allowing students to pass on the information by walking a few feet. The process is quick, but very hard to control.

"We were walking down the street and people would yell out where the parties were," said Ryan Williams, a freshman in multimedia design.

There are 28 sworn in police officers working for the City of Menomonie to patrol the streets day and night.

"The police aren't actively seeking out small parties with about 20 students who are supplying to underage friends," said Jeremy Dowd, a senior in hotel restaurant and tourism management. "Their concentration lately has been on parties that put hundreds of strangers in a basement with one exit and expect them to all get home safely."

This year, new strategies are being used to crack down on underage drinkers. Undercover cops will be used more this year, where officers out of uniform will attempt to enter party houses to investigate the illegal sale of alcohol to minors.

"People who host parties where alcohol is sold and/or consumed by people under the legal drinking age are going to be targeted with more aggressive enforcement and very high fines," said Allen Ebel, coordinator of UW-Stout Alcohol and Other Drug Education.

Last year tickets were handed out to each member of the house that was throwing the party. This year it is possible that police will hand out citations not only to the host(s), but also the minors that at the party with alcohol in their system.

"There will certainly be parties where all underagers will get ticketed," said Sergeant AndyCrouse. "You just can't be certain where or when."

Any little tip could give off the location of a party.

"We have a good idea of where these things are going on on a daily basis," said Lisa Walter Chief of UW-Stout police.

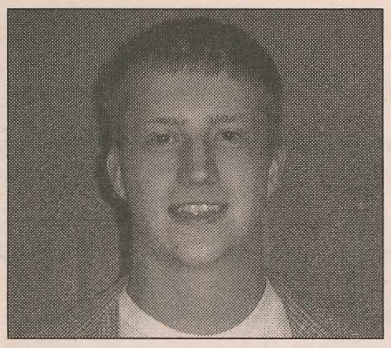
The police are out to keep the peace and will stop the unabiding. While they do not have the ability to stop every student, they will go after those who are causing a direct danger to themselves or other people.

Dowd said, "It's not the alcohol that raises suspicion, it's the behavior that accompanies it."

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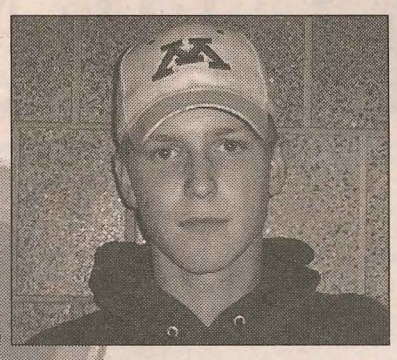
Slant

If Stout wasn't known as the laptop campus, what should it be known as?



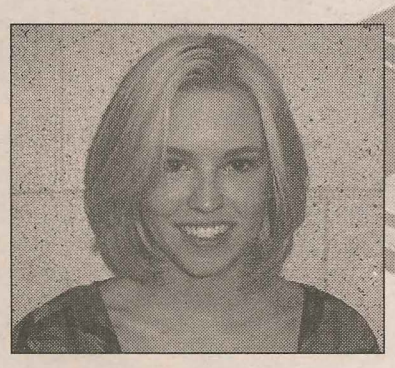
"Best party campus in Wisconsin"

Adam Hackett
engineering technology
senior



"Terrorist training camp"

Jake Scott
manufacturing engineering
sophomore



"Place to meet nice people"

Sierra Petersen
retail merchandising
freshman



"Innovative campus"

Julia Stephan
graphic design
freshman

Next Week:

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The 411

Sept. 4 to Sept. 11

Thursday, Sept. 4
>A Whisper in the Noise, 8 p.m., MSC, FREE
>Open Mic, 8 p.m., Heritage Cafe

Friday, Sept. 5
no events scheduled
Saturday, Sept. 6
no events scheduled
Sunday, Sept. 7
>Climbing Wall, free admission 4-10 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8
>Climbing Wall, free admission 4-10 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 9
>Climbing Wall, free admission 4-10 p.m.
>Involvement Fair, MSC, 6:30 p.m.
>Great American Cookout, food & live music by EASY-CHAIR, South Campus Mall, 4-7 p.m.
>American Mullet, film series, 7 p.m., Huff's, FREE

Wednesday, Sept. 10
>Climbing Wall, free admission 4-10 p.m.
>Multicultural Welcome Back Picnic, 5-8 p.m., Fowler Park, FREE
>Mark Mallman, keyboard rock, 8 p.m., Huff's, student: $2.50 adv/$3.50 day of, public: $5 adv/$6 day of

Thursday, Sept. 11
>Climbing Wall, free admission 4-10 p.m.
>Open MIC, 8 p.m., Heritage Cafe

Want to see your event* in the 411?

Email** the Stoutonia Staff and let us know the details!

Please include:
Date, Event, Place, Time, Cost (if any)

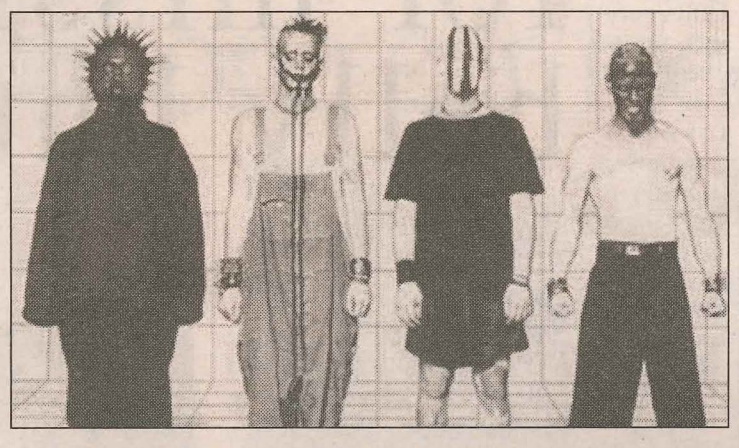
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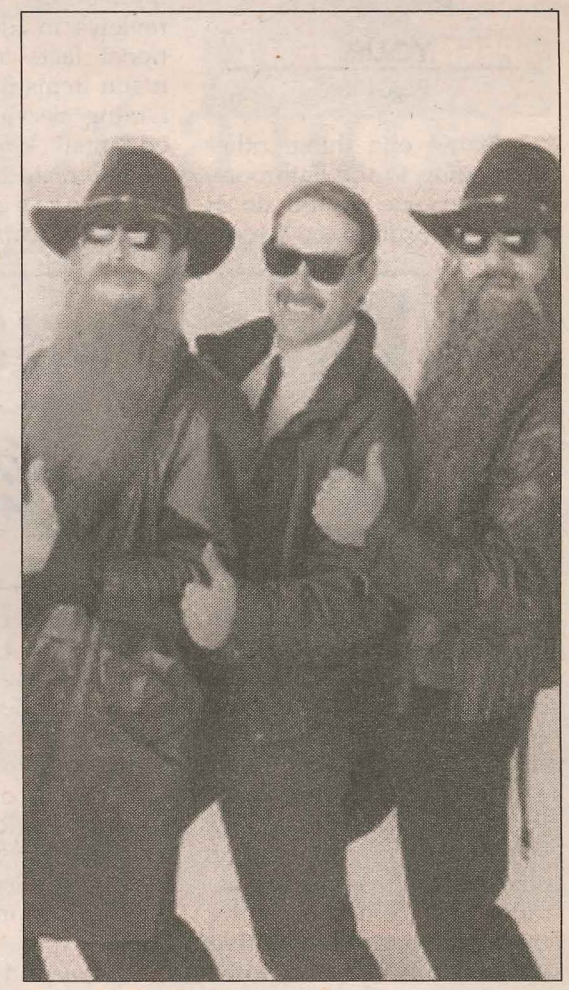
**Information must be received by the Monday prior to the paper issue date.

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Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Super shows this September

Brian Craemer

Attention music fans! It's time to look forward to another year of shows, concerts, packed venues and bars. For the next semester, I will be your new host on bringing you up to date with all the latest information on upcoming shows in the area. No matter what your gig is, I am sure we can cover it.

I would like to start off with the line up for some Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. shows during the month of September. For all the metal fans, Sevendust will be playing at the Historic Pantages Theater on Saturday, Sept. 6. Tickets for this event are $24 for floor and balcony, and doors open at 8 p.m. If you don't have tickets yet, get there early.

For electronic and dance fans, DJ Goldie with MC Armanni are playing at the Quest Club on Saturday, Sept. 6. This is an 18+ show, so bring a valid ID. Doors open at 8 p.m., and tickets are $15.

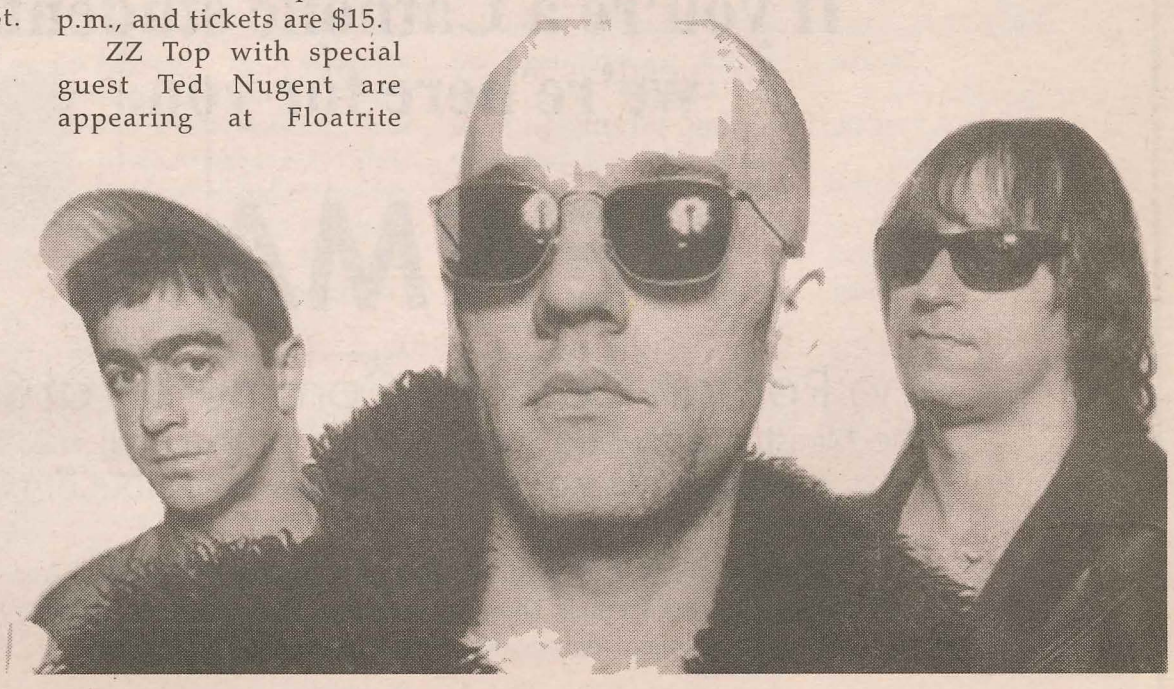
ZZ Top with special guest Ted Nugent are appearing at Floatrite Amphitheater in Somerset, Wis. on Saturday, Sept. 13. Tickets for this event are $65 for reserved seating and $29.50 for general admission lawn seating. Gates open at 7 p.m. Given the size of the theater, there should be plenty of seating available.

The world-renowned R.E.M. will be playing at the Xcel Energy Center at RiverCenter in St. Paul, Minn. on Tuesday, Sept. 16. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., and tickets range from $33.50-$73.50 depending on location.

Finally, Mudvayne, featuring Powerman 5000, Vshaped Mind and Fingertight, are coming to the Quest Club Tuesday, Sept. 23. Doors open at 5 p.m., and tickets are on sale for $26 general admission.

Well that's all I have for this week. Keep listening to your favorite music and watch for more news and reviews next week.





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FEEDYOUR BELLY
Paige Klein

Name one thing, other than going to the bathroom, that everyone should do at least twice daily..... Survey Says: EAT FOOD!

With that established, let me introduce myself. I am a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management and one of my passions is food. Whether it is down-home cookin' or gourmet cuisine, I love to experience all types of food.

The Menomonie area and the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus offer a great range of restaurants and common eating establishments. So with that in mind, this column will be checking those places out and giving you, the reader, feedback on what is around town. There will be some interesting ratings and reviews, in addition to nutritional facts for highlighted menu items from University Dining Services and limited/small kitchen, college-budget recipes.

Looking forward to the coming reviews, there are some main points that this column will focus on.



Obviously, there is the name of the place that's being reviewed and it's claim to fame. Included also is a run-down of the restaurant's genre (Such as Italian, Mexican, or sandwich shoppe), a price range rating, a service and cleanliness rating, the atmosphere type and feedback from fellow student.

Enjoy and Behave!

RATING SYSTEM

SMILING SANITATION

1= So, I should be responsible for that unidentified bug in your soup?!

2= Should have ordered a salad...Can't mess that up.

3= I got a half-smile from the waitstaff and can see the floor in the restroom.

4= Would you like to have coffee? My treat!

5= Who knew organic could be so orgasmic?

MOOLAH

$ = $5.00 or less per meal/ per person

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WHATCHA WANNA DO?

TODD = Great for take-out or delivery food (it's not DiGornio, it's Delivery)

DP = It's about time you took that significant other out to eat for once

LH = Local hangout for college students

TGIFNO = Thank goodness it's friend's night out

2 AOTA = Combination of two of any of the above.

Students search for missing belly buttons

Jaime VandenHoogen

Orientation week was full of fun and exciting events. Among these events was the hypnotist, Frederick Winters. Winters hypnotized student volunteers and then entertained the audience with their humorous antics.

While under hypnosis, the volunteers drove cars of their choice, attended the movies, searched for their belly buttons, went to a petting zoo and some participated in a version of "The Dating Game."

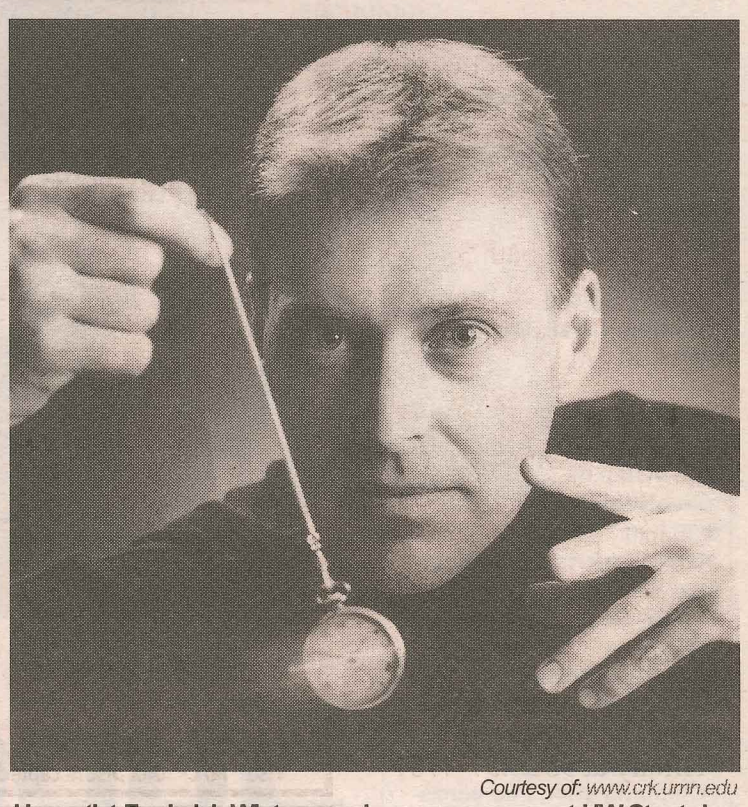
Some of the suggestions caused hilarious answers, obscure comments and disoriented responses from the volunteers.

"I thought it was great," said Andrew Hagen, a sophomore multi-media design student. "It was very entertaining to see my friends making idiots of themselves."

During the petting zoo segment, the volunteers were told to go out into the audience and feed animals. There was a wide range of responses when Winters asked them what animal they were feeding. According to the hypnotized volunteers, the Great Hall was home to everything from a piranha to a giraffe.

"It was cool; our whole row was laughing," said Nate Lovell, a sophomore student.

In another segment of the show, Winters made suggestions to the students that resulted in them forgetting their own names. Andrew Mitchell, a freshman majoring in hotel, tourism and restaurant management, was among the hypnotized students.



Courtesy of: www.crk.umn.edu

Hypnotist Frederick Winters made an appearance at UW-Stout during orientation week. He was successful in getting a few laughs.

Mitchell doesn't remember some things he did during the show, such as calling himself "Snot."

"I remember bits and pieces," said Mitchell. "I remember sitting on stage a lot. It was like a dream."

The next day, the hypnotized volunteers were asked many questions by their peers about the previous night's events.

"People looked at me weird," said Mitchell. "They told me that I was driving a minivan when everyone else was driving a sports car."

Other than receiving a few comments about their humorous actions, the hypnotized students seem to be completely back to normal.

The hypnotist was well-liked by just about everyone, however, there were some parts about the show that students didn't enjoy.

"It was good, but I thought that the hypnotist got annoying when he kept talking about how he got started and that we should buy his tapes," said Erinn Nelson, a freshman psychology major. "We were there to see the show and not to hear his biography."

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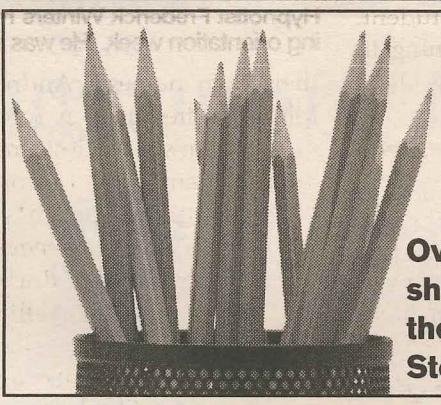
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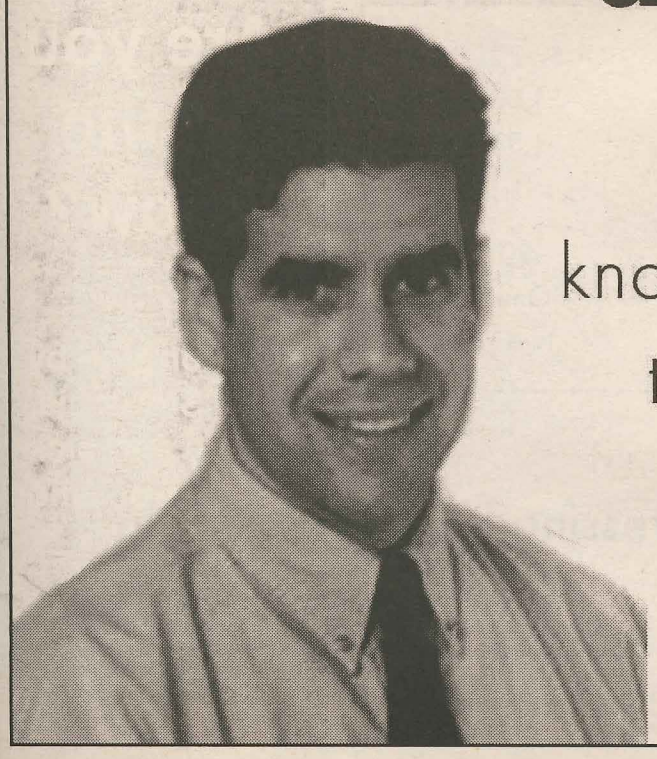
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Party hosts that sell alcohol and/or serve underage people can expect an intervention and a citation for each person living at that address. A recent party complaint resulted in fines for each of the hosts, totaling almost $5,000! See the fine schedule below.

<u>All</u> people who are under the legal drinking age and consuming alcohol may also be cited and fined as indicated in the following table.

Penalties for Violation of Wisconsin's Alcohol Laws

Offense Type	Number of Offenses Within 12 Month Period	Age 17 – 20
Consumption or Possession of Alcohol Under Age	First Offense	$ 243.00
	Second Offense	367.00
	Third Offense	491.00
	Fourth Offense	739.00
Possession of I.D. Card makes, provides, alters	First Offense	$ 429.00
	Second Offense	491.00
	Third Offense & Up	739.00
Procuring—From Licensed Premises Under Age	First Offense	$ 429.00
	Second Offense	491.00
	Third Offense	739.00
	Fourth Offense	1,049.00
Procure for, Sell to, Dispense or Give to Underage Person	First Offense	$ 411.00
	Second Offense	721.00
	Third Offense & Up	1,341.00
Sale of Alcohol Without a License	First Offense	$ 721.00
	Second Offense	1,031.00
	Third Offense	1,341.00
Under Age Loss of Drivers License, in addition to fine	First Offense	90 days
	Second Offense	One Year
	Third & Subsequent	Two Years

From: The UW-Stout Chancellor's Coalition Addressing Problem Drinking

Please Address Questions to Allen Ebel, 715-232-2468
Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program, 410 Bowman Hall

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Training camp boosts team unity

Wesley Simonis

Running through deep woods and over rolling hills were just some of the adventures that University of Wisconsin-Stout men's and women's cross-country got to experience during their summer training at Wyalusing State Park. Both the men and women's teams had a chance to improve on their endurance and team unity during the summer camp. The camp also allowed the freshmen and other new faces to meet the team and coaches.

"We've been getting better every year," said women's head coach Joe Harlan. "It's the depth on this team that will make us strong."

Harlan was also satisfied with the amount of talent and potential that is in UW-Stout's women's cross country team.

"It's the depth on this team that will make us strong."



Joe Harlan
women's head coach

The summer camp is now in its third year, and many of the runners have enjoyed this training.

"The camp was really good for bringing the team together, and it was a lot more than just practice," said freshman dietetics major, Stephanie Nichols.

The teams ran twice a day but mixed their training with fun events like going to the beach, swimming and light training games, which brought the teams closer together.

"The training gave our team a good head start for the season," said Harlan. "Not only did it get us in shape, but it got our team to come together and meet people."

The women's team has over two dozen athletes competing for the varsity spots this year.

The men's cross country team also appeared to have benefited from this year's annual camp retreat. Head men's coach Josh Buchholtz was happy with his runners' performance at the camp.

"I was very impressed with how good of shape our guys are in this year," said Buchholtz. "There was definitely an improvement in our runners."

The blend of new freshman and solid veterans will round out the men's team this year.

"We would like to get into the top half of the conference this year," said Adam Burrack, a junior in applied science. "The summer training got us prepared for that."

The overall improvement of the men's team makes this year's goals attainable.

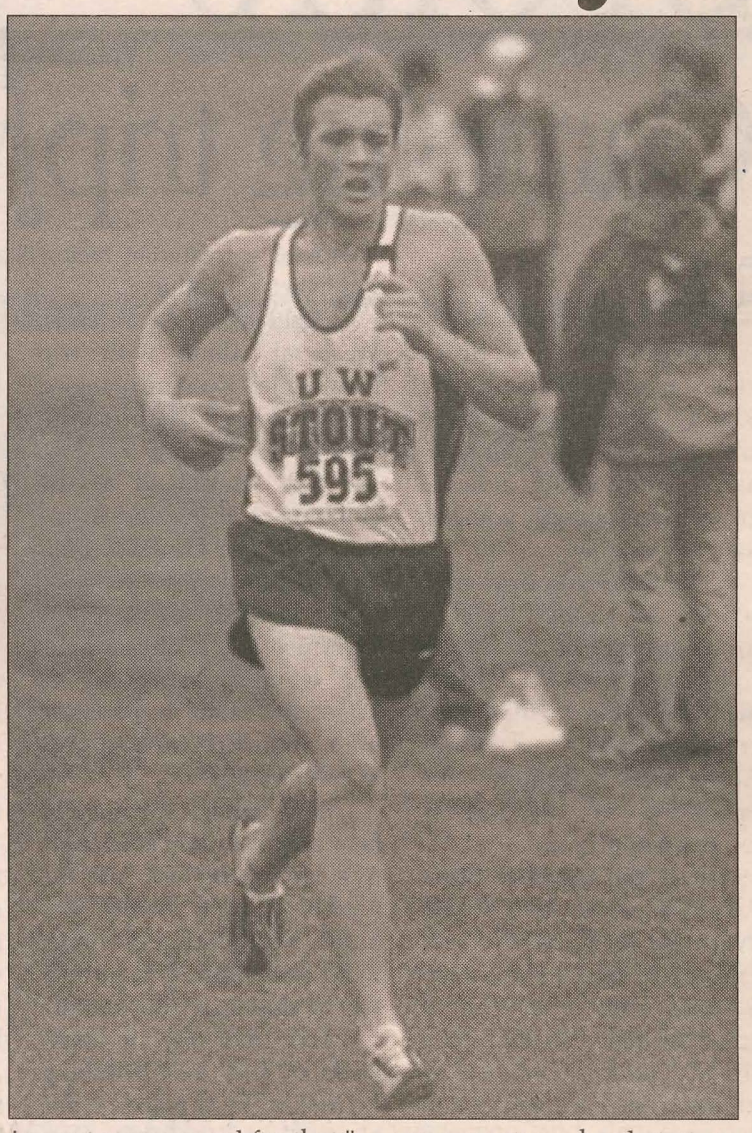
Overall, Buchholtz and Harlen are looking for better regional and conference finishes from their teams. Summer training has given UW-Stout cross-country a head start on the rest of the field.

The new talent and added depth on both men's and women's squads should provide the boost necessary to achieve all the goals that both coaches are shooting for this season.



courtesy of, Sports Information

The men's and women's cross country teams started off their practice at camp two weeks before classes began. The intense training and team building exercises will hopefully build a good base for the teams this season.



UW-Stout blue devil fall athletic schedules

SOCCER

Fri., Sept. 5	UW-Superior	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 9	St. Thomas	St. Paul, Minn.	5 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 12	Maranatha Baptist	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 17	UW-La Crosse	La Crosse, Wis.	4 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 21	UW-Whitewater	Whitewater, Wis.	3 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 24	St. Mary's	Winona, Minn.	4 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 27	Upper Iowa	Fayette, Iowa	1 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 30	UW-Stevens Point	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 5	UW-Oshkosh	Oshkosh, Wis.	3 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 8	Augsburg	Minneapolis, Minn.	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 10	University of Mary	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 14	UW-Eau Claire	Menomonie, Wis.	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 17	UW-Platteville	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 22	UW-River Falls	River Falls, Wis.	3 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 24	Finlandia University	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 25	Gustavus Adolphus	St. Peter, Minn.	2:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 27	Wisconsin Lutheran	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 1	Nebraska Wesleyan	Menomonie, Wis.	1 p.m.

TENNIS

Fri., Sept. 12	UW-Eau Claire	Eau Claire, Wis.	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 13	Bethel	St. Paul, Minn.	9 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 16	St. Mary's	Menomonie, Wis.	3 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 19	UW-La Crosse	Menomonie, Wis.	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 20	UW-Stevens Point	Menomonie, Wis.	10 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 2	UW-River Falls	Menomonie, Wis.	3:30 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 2	Hamline University	Menomonie, Wis.	3:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 10	UW-Oshkosh	Oshkosh, Wis.	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 11	UW-Whitewater	Whitewater, Wis.	11 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Fri., Sept. 5	Augsburg Tourney	Minneapolis, Minn.	
	vs. Bethany, KS		4 p.m.
	vs. St. Benedict		8 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 6	Augsburg Tourney	Minneapolis, Minn	
	vs. St. Olaf		11 a.m.
	Place matches		1 or 3p.m.
Fri., Sept. 12	Trinity Tourney	San Antonio, Texas	TBA
	vs. Greensboro, NC		5:15 p.m.
	vs. Trinity, TX		7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 13	Trinity Tourney	San Antonio, Texas	TBA
	vs. Texas Lutheran		11 a.m.
	vs. UW-Platteville		1:15 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 19	UW-Whitewater	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 20	UW-Oshkosh	Menomonie, Wis.	Noon
Tues., Sept. 23	Northwestern College	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 26	UW-Eau Claire Tourney	Eau Claire, Wis.	TBA
Sat., Sept. 27	UW-Eau Claire Tourney	Eau Claire, Wis.	TBA
Fri., Oct. 3	UW-Stevens Point	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 8	UW-Superior	Superior, Wis.	7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 15	UW-Eau Claire	Menomonie, Wis.	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 17	UW-La Crosse	La Crosse, Wis.	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 18	UW-Platteville	Platteville, Wis.	Noon
Wed., Oct. 22	UW-River Falls	River Falls, Wis.	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 24	UW-Stout Tourney	Menomonie, Wis.	
	vs. UW-Stevens Point		4 p.m.
	vs. Luther College		8 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 25	UW-Stout Tourney	Menomonie, Wis.	
	vs. Viterbo		10 a.m.
	vs. Edgewood		2 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 31	UW-River Falls Tourney	River Falls, Wis.	TBA
Sat., Nov. 1	UW-River Falls Tourney	River Falls, Wis.	TBA

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Camping trip welcomes freshmen

Becky Hartung

Forget your blow dryer, video games and computer. Step away from your screen and don't worry about your hair. Welcome to a social group who accepts you just the way you are.

The transition from high school to college can be intimidating, if not down right scary. To help freshmen acclimate to their new environment, Stout Adventures began the Freshmen Wilderness Experience program.

Over the summer, Stout Adventures ran two week-long trips in the wilderness. Freshmen established connections with a handful of other students so that they already had a network of friends on campus when they moved in.

"The trip was a great way to meet students with my interests," said Anne Wespetal, a freshman majoring in art education.

Besides new friends, Wespetal, along with trip member Jeff Keenan, obtained a job from their Stout Adventures outing. The two are now employed at the climbing wall, located inside the Sports and Fitness Center.

In addition to meeting new people, participants were also able to question the trip leaders, University of Wisconsin-Stout upperclassman, about the ins and outs of campus life.

"It was great for them to hear a real student's perspective on school, not just the typical 'don't drink too much,'" said Bruce Saxman, Stout Adventures' coordinator for University Recreation.

The first trip, a backpacking and rock climbing excursion, took place on the North Shore. Switching outdoor mediums, the second trip was a canoeing and white water rafting extravaganza on the St. Croix, Bois Brule and St. Louis rivers.

While at times the physical elements of the trip may have seemed overwhelming, in the end, the group reaped the benefits of all their sweat. The triumph of completing such challenging tasks fostered an unbreakable team bond.

"We did full days of backpacking on rough terrain," said Saxman. "The sheer physical demands brought the group together."

While the trips may have provided the freshmen with many new experiences, for trip leader Collette Pilon, a senior majoring in psychology, it was a chance to sit back and realize how much her wilderness skills have improved.

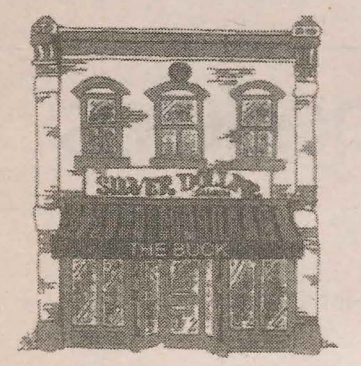
"Teaching my wilderness skills to the freshmen has made me more aware of my capabilities," Pilon said. "It made me realize what I've learned at Stout Adventures, and it excited me for the upcoming program this year."

Stout Adventures will continue to host a wide variety of outdoor outings throughout the year for the entire UW-Stout student body and surrounding community. All are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the climbing wall or emailing Saxman at saxmanb@uwstout.edu.



courtesy of, Bruce Saxman

The week long camping trips were a great way for the new freshmen to meet people, and obtain college advice from real students.



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The Terrace has adopted new hours, so students must now venture down to the Pawn for evening munchies.

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Campus Crusade for Christ kicked off the year with an ice cream social last Thusday after their weekly worship.

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AF terror nearer to closure

Chelsea Rickert
Amanda Herr

Authorities have accused Laura Hartung, a University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate, with the fall 2001 string of fires, false alarms and bomb threats in Antrim-Froggatt (AF) residence hall.

According to the Dunn County Circuit Court reports, Hartung has plead not guilty to the four misdemeanor charges for pulling intentional, false fire alarms. On Sept. 29 she will appear at the Dunn County Judicial Center to enter a plea for two class B felony charges for arson and two class E felony charges for bomb scares.

The multiple, on-campus bomb threats, carpet and poster fires and false alarms taking place in AF seemed to be in the same spirit of the events of Sept. 11, which occurred during the same time.

"Sept. 11 was very traumatic for us," said Jenny Albiero, a senior in graphic communications managment who lived in AF when these events occurred. "And then came all of the bomb threats [on campus]. Our world had just gone through enough suffering. We couldn't figure out why someone would do such a thing."

Hartung, who was a student personnel manager in AF last year, moved out of AF last March. She had graduated in December 2002 but was still taking classes. During the 2001-2002 school year, Hartung was a resident advisor (RA) in AF.

Scott Griesbach, director of residence life, does not consider these events acts of terrorism, but merely a desperate cry for help from an individual who required mental attention.

Accusations against Hartung were the result of a tedious, two-year search.

"It was a lengthy investigation and she admitted to doing it," said John Enger, director of University Relations.

However, Enger points out that the university did not force Hartung to leave campus.

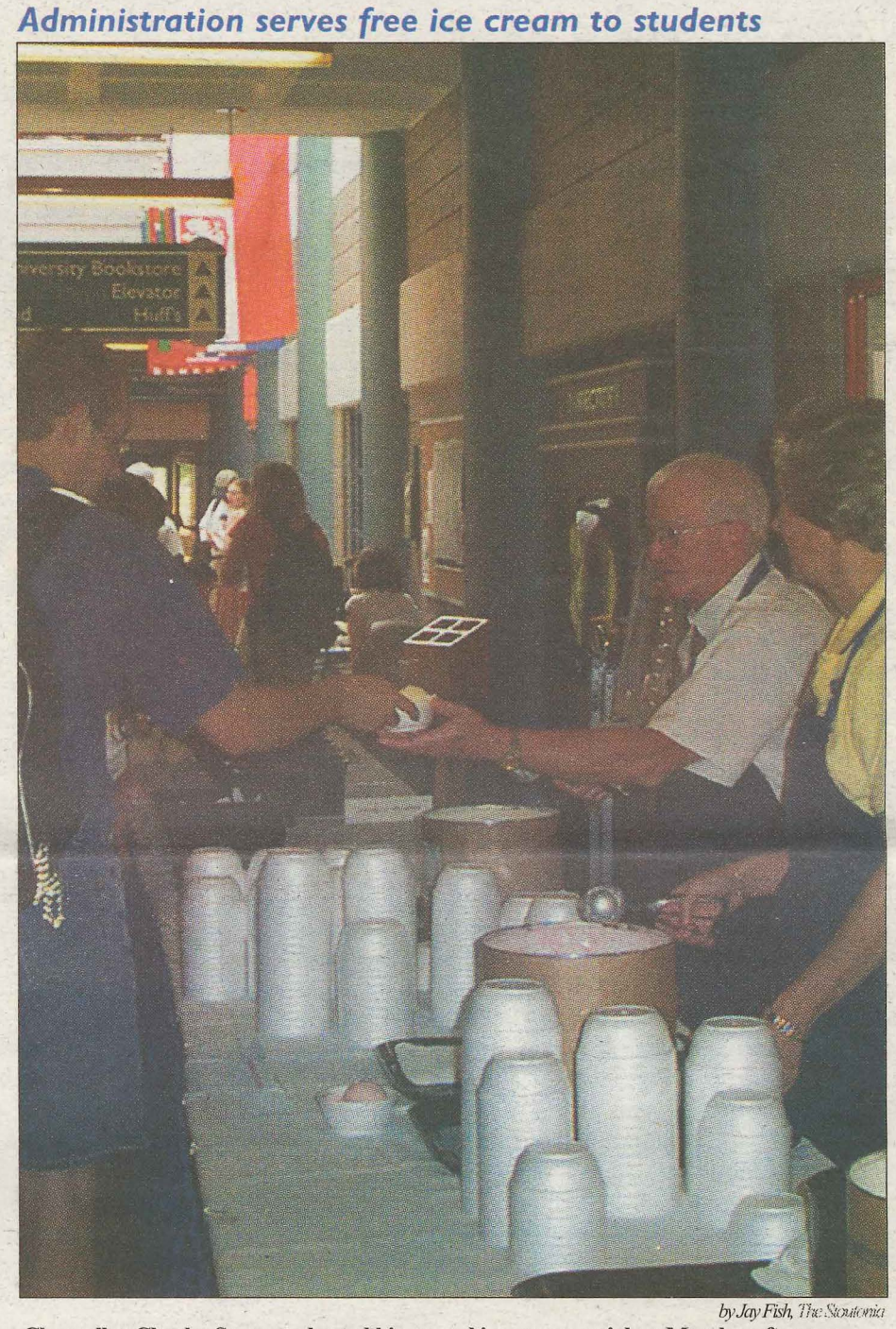
If there's evidence that someone might inflict harm on campus, the university has the right to temporarily suspend that person. He or she will then have a due process hearing. If the university finds that person innocent of meditation to inflict harm, that person won't be suspended but will still have a due process hearing.

"This is a very serious case," said Andrew Maki, the assistant district attorney for Dunn County and the prosecuting attorney in the case.

The university hopes to seek restitution through the course of events in court.

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Administration serves free ice cream to students



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Chancellor Charles Sorensen hosted his annual ice cream social on Monday afternoon.

Student's giving personality will be missed by family, campus



Tina Mohr

Joel Shaw

A void is all that remains when we are forced to let go of someone we love, whether living or deceased. When living, hope remains. When deceased, the void is eternal. The family and friends of Justina (Tina) Mohr must now fill an eternal void with memories and mementos of a young woman ripped from their lives as a consequence of a motorcycle accident.

Tina was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by Aaron Reivitis, a junior in technical education, on the morning of Sept. 1. Reivitis and Mohr were headed north on County Highway Y, south of Menomonie. Reivitis failed to negotiate a corner in the road, causing them to veer into a ditch. Tina was pronounced dead at the scene. Reivitis suffered a broken collarbone. Dunn County district attorney Jim Peterson said the accident is still under investigation.

"Oh boy…perfect…she never did anything wrong," said Scott Mohr, Tina's father regarding her character.

First and foremost, she was a Christian. She wore her faith openly and proudly.

"She could walk into a roomful of atheists and share her beliefs with them without belittling them or judging them," said Scott. "She was open and straightforward."

Friends and family knew Tina was a special girl at an early age. As a child she watched PBS and the History Channel and encouraged her family to do the same so they could talk about what she had learned.

Tina grew up in Shoreview, Minn. She decided at age seven that she wanted to be a special education teacher like her mother, Linda Mohr. Tina learned sign language and practiced it everywhere. She began working at a childcare center at age 15. Though she had a reputation as a disciplinarian amongst the children, she was the one they first sought in times of need.

This past summer she began working in a group home, the youngest person ever hired. The director of the home was impressed with her performance. Her career goal was to teach kindergarten through grade 12. Her dream was to start a dance school for deaf children.

"Service before self," said Linda. "She lived her life like that."

Tina never did things the easy way. She was an honor student in high school and began taking general education classes at the University of Minnesota during her senior year.

She challenged her teachers at every level of her education. Tina wanted all they had to give and then came begging for more. She held a great deal of respect for her teachers and was determined to join their ranks.

"I love it! I love everything about it!" Tina told childhood friend Carolyn Ahlstrom about the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Tina, who would have begun her sophomore year at UW-Stout this fall, was majoring in special education.

Mary Hopkins Best, director of vocational rehabilitation and special education, recalls meeting Tina during freshmen orientation.

"Because of her background she had a level of understanding, maturity and commitment to special education that is rarely seen in freshmen," said Best.

One of Tina's favorite books was "Pay It Forward" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The concept presented in the book is that one does something good for three people and they, in kind, repay the good deed by doing something nice for three more people, paying it forward. She had been reading the book for the fourth time.

Both her mother and father referred to Tina as a collector of people.

During her short life, she did indeed pay it forward.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 79° Low 58° Morning Showers	High 70° Low 52° Few Showers	High 67° Low 43° Few Showers

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Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Potential ID theft scam
A student reported a suspicious phone call he received from a female caller who identified herself as someone from the financial aid office. She told the student there were problems with his financial aid and that she needed to verify some information with him. The student gave her his social security number, date of birth and mother's maiden name. University Police have identified this call as an identity theft scam. Students should be aware that the UW-Stout financial aid office will never call to verify information.

Stolen parking permit
On Sept. 3, a student reported that her UW-Stout parking permit was stolen from her locked vehicle between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 2. The student's car was parked in lot 34 and there was no sign of forced entry into the vehicle.

Burglaries and assaults plague area

Amanda Herr

A string of burglaries and sexual assaults over the past two weeks prompted Lisa Walter, chief of University Police, to send an e-mail to all faculty, staff and students on Monday.

The message, sent on behalf of the Menomonie Police Department, asked for information anyone had on these crimes and warned students to keep their doors locked, especially at night.

Since Aug. 31 there have been seven burglaries and two sexual assaults, all at houses in the same area of the city. According to police reports, it is believed that the unknown suspect(s) entered all seven houses through an unlocked door or window. All incidents occurred during the morning hours.

Items stolen include DVDs, Playstation 2 games, cash, food, CDs, a laptop computer, a cordless phone, a VCR and a Playstation 2 game console with controllers.

Walter urges anyone who has seen anything suspicious regarding these cases to call Menomonie Police at 232-2198. Campus police have a form online to submit any anonymous tips at http://www.uwstout.edu/police/crmstp.htm.



by Steve Poole, The Stoutonia

The stars on this map indicate locations of a recent string of burglaries.

Viruses attack campus network

Joel Shaw

It's a worm. It has the ability to reproduce rapidly and relocate in a millisecond. It's an e-infection that will ruin your day, waste your time, cost you money and render your computer schizophrenic.

Defending against viruses is part of the daily routine for campus network administrators. There are 60,000 viruses scanned for in a two-hour period. These are known viruses. If a new virus is introduced to the campus network environment, there is a scramble to acquire a patch from a reliable source to heal the wound and install it on all of the infected machines. It is a reactive process. Virus defense methods are not foolproof.

"The worm itself, we have protection on our outbound router to block it from coming in, but because we are a laptop campus and we are mobile, it takes one person at home on their DSL or their cable modem to get infected, and they come to work the next day and plug into the network, well, now it's running on the inside," said Mike Dodor, network supervisor.

New virus attacks are a weekly, if not a daily, occurrence. The result of these attacks inevitably affects the performance of the campus network. The common complaint is that the network is down. The slow performance of the network has more to do with the ongoing war of the worms than with a malfunctioning network.

"Most of it is caught by the anti-virus and the tools we have," said Doug Wahl, director of telecommunications and networking. "If we get a new one to come along, and we get infected, it is a minimum of two weeks to recover."

Assistant professor of technical communication and composition Michael Martin spoke at length about his experience with the Sobig worm. He had recently come to campus as a new hire and was assigned an online course to administer shortly thereafter.

Aug. 19 was a bad day. Martin arrived at his office, tried to logon and failed. Network specialist David Buckli informed Martin that he had the Sobig e-mail virus residing on his laptop. Martin spent three frustrating days attempting to complete the online syllabus for his class with little success. Finally, Martin said "enough."

"I got into my car and drove to Minneapolis," said Martin. "I [couldn't] do anything and I was getting stressed."

Martin resorted to hard-copy for interoffice communication and said that he thought it was important to be reminded how dependent we all are on a healthy network.

The campus is busy getting labs ready and installing new equipment. Every occurrence of a new virus represents a drain on resources.

Chief information officer Joe Brown said at least 10 to 15 percent of his week is dedicated to virus defense and recovery until we're under attack, and, then, it's 95 to 100 percent.

"The campus is already extremely busy," Brown said. "If we're working on viruses, we're not making any progress."

Macintosh computers are not immune to viruses, but according to Dodor, one of the theories in the security community is that Macintosh computers represent only four percent of the market share and, therefore, are not worthy targets if the intent is to cause large scale disruption.

"You're going to cause a whole lot more damage going after Microsoft," said Dodor.

The most recent worm was targeted at a specific Microsoft port. A port is a real or virtual connection between two devices.

"The [Welchia] worm in particular goes after port 135, which you need open for active directory and exchange; we can block it from the outside in, but we can't shut it down on campus because there will be no e-mail, no logging in, so it's kind of a catch 22," said Dodor.

Off campus, consumers are left to fend for themselves. The firewalls that come with Windows XP do a good job. The user, however, has to have the knowledge to know what ports to have open and which ports can be closed.

The first line of defense on the UW-Stout campus is NetReg. NetReg is software that maintains a database of media access control (MAC) addresses (a number unique to each computer) for all known computers. If a laptop attempting to logon to the campus network is not recognized, the user is directed to the NetReg page and prompted to identify themselves. At this point some anti-virus measures can be taken, including virus scan equipment and patches for installation before the registration process can be completed. The database was zeroed, requiring all laptops coming on campus this fall to follow the NetReg process.

Brown issued a firm warning: "When attacks come from the inside and we can identify the person, we're going to sue for expulsion from the university."

AF / Student charged with crimes

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"We have submitted documentation to the Dunn County DAs office for just over $57,000 in restitution," said Lisa Walter, chief of University Police.

That figure includes damage repair and clean up, increased student security staff in the building, additional security measures and equipment and a per call reimbursement to the Menomonie Fire Department.

Hartung was a junior in the fall of 2001 and was active in campus life and the residence hall associations. She attended many leadership conferences and assumed active leadership roles on campus.

"I never expected her," said Albiero. "She seemed to be a trustworthy person. I trusted all of the RAs; that's what they're there for."

Albiero's confidence level in the residence life executive staff dropped significantly after the events of that fall because she felt that they didn't do enough to protect the students living in AF. She points out the fact that it was one of their employees who put everyone through such misery.

"Yeah, it may be her fault, but who hired her?" she said. "You can't put all the blame on her."

Albiero's experience was, in her words, traumatic; she was the first to stumble on a large fire in the AF laundry room.

Eventually, the trauma of these experiences caused Albiero to leave the dorms and move into a hotel room for the remainder of the school year.

Albiero worked with Hartung on Hall Council and was around her frequently. She wishes Hartung knew that she could have come to her for support.

"Maybe this was a way of her coping with whatever she went through in her past."

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Worth Hearing Once

Candles

What else can be both gothic and romantic?

All messed up in the campus mess halls

Has anyone else noticed that the university's food service is literally starting to stink?

At a school as technologically advanced as the University of Wisconsin-Stout, can't someone come up with a better system than the trough to dispose of uneaten food?

Oh wait - maybe the purpose of the broken trough is to teach us the moral value of licking our trays clean. I know on my death bed I'll proclaim: "My food! My waste! The horror! The horror!"

All I can say is that the make-shift garbage cans full of food and drink are really starting to reek. Great! I'd love a side of swarming flies with my mashed potatoes.

What's the deal with charging an extra 30 cents for the meals-to-go boxes? Those who choose not to eat in the cafeteria forfeit the option of going back for seconds. Shouldn't they get a discount instead of an extra hit on the wallet?

Granted, this is starting to get picky, but can't someone come up with a better naming scheme?

How many times did you hear students in passing talk about going to The Tear-Ass? Now that it closes earlier, it really tears ass.

Since The Terrace is closed early now, the layout of The Pawn has been completely redesigned to create a gathering place for students. Too bad half the food options are gone.

Isn't it funny that our Chancellor makes too much money to get a raise, but the school can't afford to keep the main food venue for off-campus students open? Something smells a little rotten.

Does the Heritage Cafe even belong on campus? Yes, let us sit around eating overpriced sandwiches and sipping gourmet drinks. Would you like a crumpet with that? I know: I'll take a little cheese with my wine.

Now, given a business that goes by the name "The Pawn," wouldn't you expect to be getting food at a discounted rate?

Sure, you can buy a jar of peanut butter there, but you're paying through the nose for it. You're better off running to Lamers.



"Nothing quite like the commons to ruin your appetite."

Lost in a sea of unplannable days



ENDGAME
Ann Syrstad

I never thought I was a very organized person until my freshman year of college. Why?

Well, every student in the residence halls, including myself, received a complimentary University of Wisconsin-Stout student planner.

I became dependent on this planner and loved the organization it gave me. It had adequate space for day-by-day assignments, an easy to read campus map and room to list important phone numbers. It also included coupons for the Terrace, as well as free photocopying at the service desk.

But my favorite thing about these planners were the listing of sporting events and other campus activities in the calendar. They were a great way to plan a semester and keep on track. They were also visually appealing with creatively designed front covers that included the UW-Stout logo.

So why am I going on and on about these planners? Because this year the university did not print them!

I now realize just how crippled I am without it. This week in class, I asked many of my fellow classmates how they felt about not having the campus planner. I was amazed by some of their responses.

"You need to have a calendar in front of you at all times, not just on the computer in Outlook," said Jim Dahlgren, a senior from Eau Claire, Wis. "Some people don't have laptops."

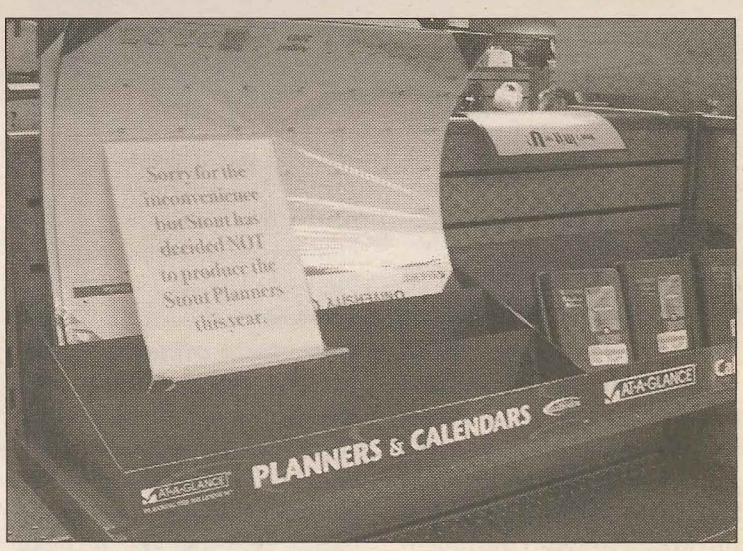
Other students are looking elsewhere.

"I went to Wal-Mart to find a replacement, and had no luck finding [one]," said Heidi Heytens, a senior from Superior, Wis.

Another student, Amy Frost, a senior from Hager City, Wis. said, "I really miss not knowing when the upcoming campus events are."

I now know that I am not the only one who was attached to this organizational mechanism. Many of the people I asked complained about life without the campus planner. Not only do we not know when the next football game is, but many students have been slacking off a little more in each class without their planners.

I just hope that the university realizes just how much students liked those planners and how much they are missed. Let's just hope that they bring them back next year.



by Curt Trnka, The Stoutonia

Students are beginning to wonder where all the daily planners are. The obvious answer is that they are not in the bookstore.

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One for all, and all for onezies



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

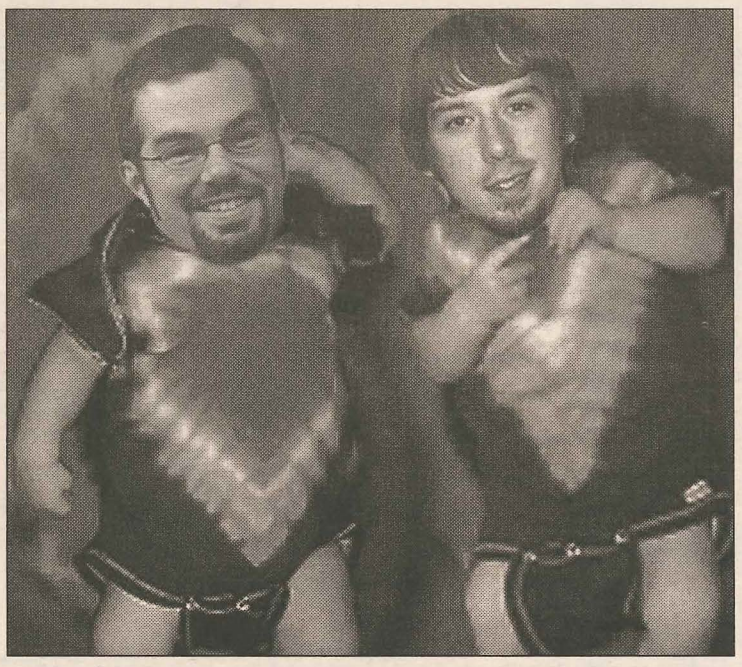
For me, getting dressed is a chore. I get up in the morning, lacking the ability to form comprehensible words more often than not, and find that the hardest job I have to do is not bathing or anything of that nature; it's putting on pants.

I find that a quick change in the morning is something that the current state of clothing technology lacks. Think about it: shirt, pants, socks, maybe a jacket if its cold; where does it all end?

I thought back to my childhood when for me, getting dressed was a breeze. I tried to remember what had changed in the few short years from when I was two to my current age of nearly twenty years.

The answer I found was in the fact that toddler's clothes are often combined together into one garment. Footy pajamas, as an example, are a shirt, pants and socks combined. But I needed something to wear that would serve me during the day, when I'm most active. Then I remembered the onezie.

The onezie, for those of you who don't know, is a long shirt that has snaps on the shirttails. The shirttails are pulled between one's legs and then snapped together to form a kind of legless bodysuit. These are generally intended to be worn by babies, who need them to keep the diaper area under tight guard. I thought



to myself: "Why can't they make something like that for me? Should garbage men and railroad conductors be the only ones blessed with such a miraculous time saver?"

Nay! This convenience needs to be brought to the common man.

Besides the obvious simplification of getting dressed in the morning, onezies are also a good way to cut the cost of clothes shopping in half, if not more. The problem of having to buy jeans or khakis is gone; just fill your closet up with onezies and you'll already have several outfits ready to wear.

I suppose I shouldn't have let this good idea out into the open so soon. I still haven't finished my designs for the low-rise onezie, so I hope that none of the major clothing designers steal my idea. So, good readers, keep this one under wraps, because when these babies hit the shelves, you better not act too surprised if you can't get one because they're sold out.

A bargain at $87 million



COMMONSENSE
John Harsdorf

Working on my family's farm this past year, I was assigned the tedious task of removing some of the encroaching brush and weeds from around our fields. Since these trees and branches can eventually kill the crops or wreck machinery, it was important to trim them or else they would trim me off of a tractor by accident.

I thought the job would be an easy one, but while I was finishing the small growth along the field, I suddenly saw it. A giant tree along the fence line had grown so large that the field had to be plowed around it in order to avoid hitting it with the tractor. That one tree took the rest of the day to cut down with my chainsaw and then stack into fire wood. All that work came from a tiny tree which, if it had been noticed years ago, could have easily been torn from the ground by hand.

On Sept. 11, the giant tree of terrorism fell and crashed on innocent Americans in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Now, the same sweat and toil that I put into removing that tree from our field can be seen in removing the roots of oppression and fear in the fields and homes of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today's anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, should not just be commemorated in memorial services for the price of the innocent lives taken that day. It should also be a time where we remember the price we are paying today, for the soldiers who are giving their lives right now so that we can all enjoy our life without terror.

It is a time when we can look at ourselves and be proud that we have stepped up to the plate in order to ensure that this will not happen again. In the two years since these attacks, we have made progress ensuring that these threats will not grow back by removing their roots, no matter how deep they're buried. We have done this by taking the battle that began in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania and finishing it in the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

The price that was paid on Sept. 11th, was one of innocent civilians, people like you and me, fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. No price can be put on such a loss. Can you ask a family who lost a son or daughter in the attacks how much their child's life was worth? If our government offered them $87 billion, could it bring back or compensate for their lost loved one? Or would these families ask that the money was used instead to prevent other family's innocent sons and daughters from the same fate?

The tragedy that happened on this date two years ago must never be forgotten; to do so would only invite the same tragedy to happen again. It is up to us to remember to support those who continue to carry the torch of freedom and have battled in the very heart of our enemies' fortresses.

It is up to us to show those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11 that their sacrifice was not in vain but that their losses united us in a way never before possible against the threats in the world. Their tragedy opened our eyes to the threats we had let grow for far too long without taking real action to stop.

So, remember on this day while we fight the hard fight how important it is that we countinue to battle against those who wish to take away the freedoms we hold so dear - no matter what the price may be.

America will not forget the price paid for its Freedom.



Letters to the Editor

London Nights

If anyone has ever considered spending part of his or her university experience studying abroad, I can tell you firsthand what a worthwhile experience it can be. I am a senior here at UW-Stout. I studied at American Intercontinental University (AIU) in London during the 2003 winter term.

Housing was arranged by AIU. My flat was newly remodeled. All appliances, dishes, and linens were provided, along with a washer and dryer in the basement. It was located on a quiet street with a park on each end. A closed circuit camera faced our front entrance and we could see who was at our door on a monitor in our flat. There was also a security guard on duty during the night, which made me feel even safer. My flatmates included girls from the Virgin Islands, Ohio, Indiana, and Alaska.

I took three classes at AIU. Half of my classes were held off campus at various museums and historic sites in and around London. This really made the lessons come alive.

The activities coordinator did a great job planning activities for weekday evenings, day trips, and long weekends. They included many plays and musicals; day trips to Stratford-Upon-Avon, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court, and Oxford University; weekends trips to France on the Eurostar, Stonehenge and Bath, Barcelona, Spain, and the west coast of Ireland.

London made a great homebase for travel. From London, traveling to other countries is relatively inexpensive. I traveled to Paris, Scotland, Switzerland, Whales, and Holland to visit my AFS sister and family.

Overall, my time and experience in London and with AIU was unforgettable. I made many friends and memories that will stay with me the rest of my life. If any students are interested in taking advantage of a similar opportunity, I would be more than happy to talk to them.

Paige Larsen

Ms. Larsen,

Thank you for writing the first letter to the editor of the year! Your letter raises a good point also. Perhaps more students should try to get out of the midwest and live a little.

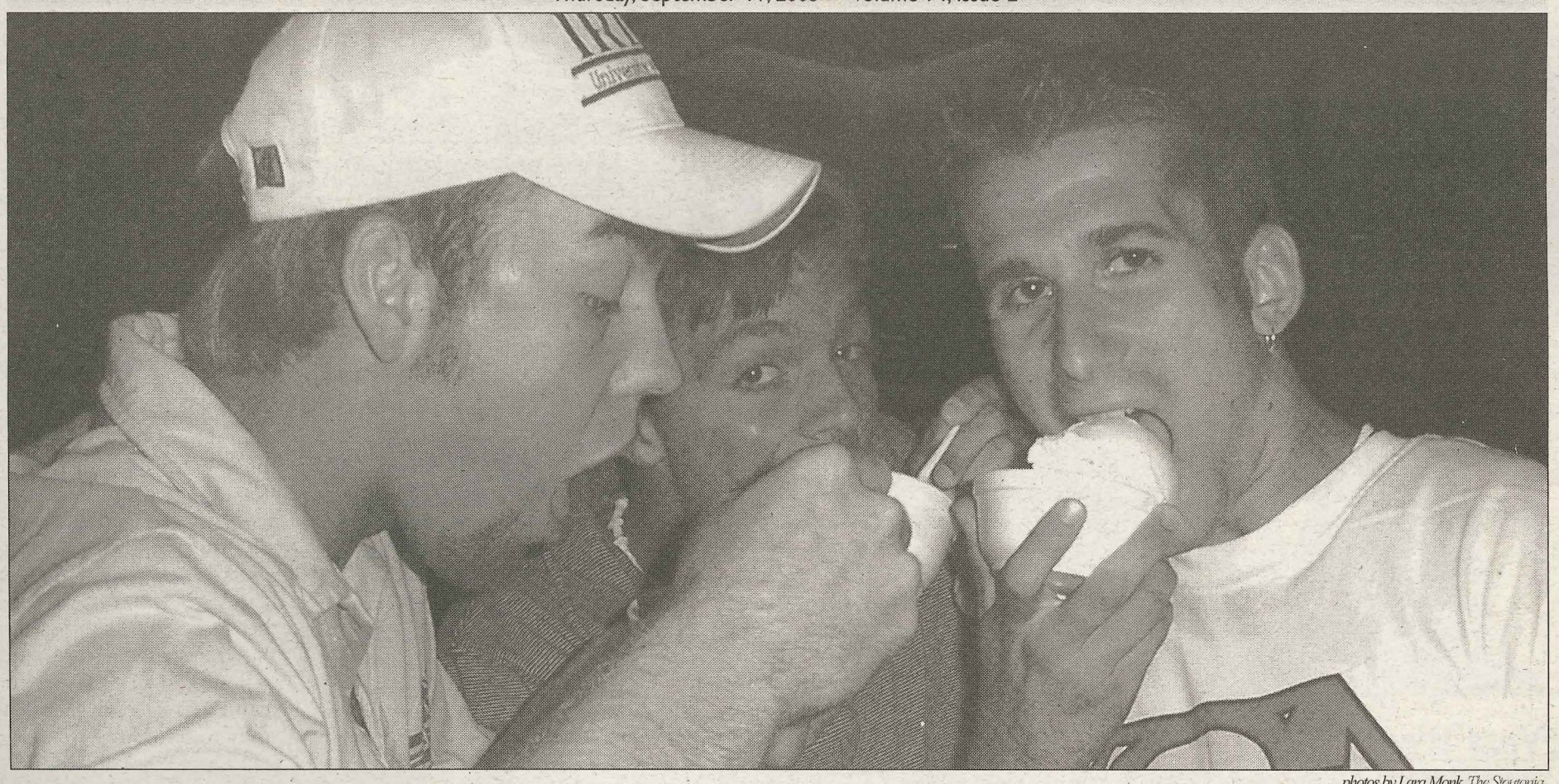
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photos by Lara Monk, The Stoutonia

Scott Hellquist, freshman; Jay Anderson, junior; and Mike Kaaps, sophomore, enjoy their free cup of ice cream after the first Thursday Crusade worship of the year.

Screaming for Crusade

Lara Monk

I scream, you scream, God screams, we all scream for ice cream!

If you're looking for an alternative activity to your normal Thursday night out, or if you love to try new things and meet new people, Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) could be the answer.

As the largest student organization on campus and the largest student-run Campus Crusade in the nation, it brings an average of 225 people to the Great Hall every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

A normal Thursday night gathering consists of praise and worship with its own band made up of University of Wisconsin-Stout students. Worship is followed by announcements, a message and then closes in more worship.

"The music was very cool and a great addition to the night, plus having a motivated speaker with a great message," said Beth Johnson, a freshman studying family and consumer science education.

Following every Crusade is After Program Party (APP), which allows for a time of fellowship and relaxation. Last week's APP was a free ice cream social, which lured in many newcomers and freshmen.

"The ice cream social was well advertised, which brought me to the first Crusade. People that came around to the dorms, were very friendly and invited as many people as possibly to come eat free ice cream," said Johnson.

Crusade has been reaching out to freshmen since move in day. Gatherings such as bonfires, a pizza social, a pool party and a trip to the Chippewa River bottoms have introduced Crusade to the newest population on campus.

Besides getting the name out and spreading God's word, Crusade has several goals to accomplish during the 2003-2004 school year.

"Overall, we want to turn lost students into Christ-centered laborers," said Pete Theobald, a senior in service management. "Our main purpose is to give our lives and surrender to the Lord. We want all freshmen to have the opportunity to accept or reject a relationship with God."

Although not everyone who comes to Crusade has the same beliefs, everyone that comes has one thing in common: everyone is a UW-Stout student.

"Crusade's main goal this year is to have unity in the body," said Chris Blasko, a senior in training and development. "Unity goes beyond any common interest. We all want to make people feel important and a part of something."

Crusade's average weekly attendance surpasses any other organization on campus.

"It [Crusade] started with only a couple people, grew to about 30 and last year's average attendance was 225," said Theobald.

So, what draws people to Crusade?

"Enthusiasm of the people already involved gets people to come to Crusade.," said Blasko. "Everyone has tons of energy."

Theobald said, "The people are friendly and excited about what they believe in. They desire people to experience what they experience."

Nothing is expected of those who come to Crusade. People can feel free to do whatever they can to enjoy themselves at no cost.

"One thing we ask of everyone is to come with an open mind," said Sigrid Peterson, 23, a staff intern working with Crusade.

One misconception that exists around campus is that all Crusaders are diehard Christians. Not all people who attend Crusade are Christians or believe in God. Most people are searching for something. Crusade welcomes people who are or are not searching and just want to have fun.





(top) **Volunteers dished out vanilla ice cream with an option of chocolate syrup for worshipers to drizzle onto their treat.** (bottom) **Swerve, a touring band, was the musical entertainment that performed last Thursday night for the 360 students attending.**

UW-Stout's Crusade chapter began in 1981, but it didn't draw crowds like seen last Thursday night until after the "fab 4" came to town.

"In 1997 the 'fab 4,' four freshmen guys, came to UW-Stout in response to many prayers. These guys built a band, influenced the movement and Crusade officially became cool," said Dan Trenda, a senior in manufacturing engineering.

Once the word spread amongst the population, Crusade kept growing in large numbers every year. Bible studies branched out from having only one, to today having two in every dorm (one for each sex).

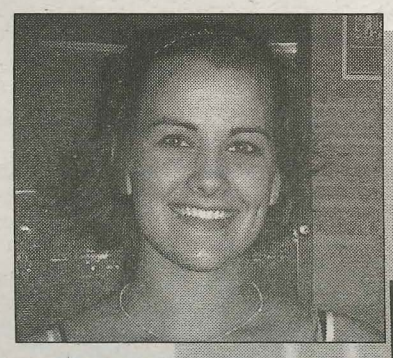
In 1999, the first weekly meeting attendance surpassed 100 people for the first time. Last week, the first meeting of the year, it more than tripled with 360 people.

"It was more fun than I thought it would be," said Johnson. "We didn't pray all night long or anything, which was my preconceived ideas or stereotypes."

Crusade extends a welcome for students to come, search and be free to search Christ, because nothing is expected of anyone. All that is asked is that you don't reject it before you begin your search.

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Slant



"Target"

Katie Ohr
hotel and tourism
freshman



"Massage parlor with working bell tower"

(l) Jason Rentmeester
Chad Stuart
Tom Poquette
(r) Todd Hoebing
(f) Jeff Holmgren
construction
seniors

What should take the place of the old Leevers' grocery store?



"Free parking ramp"

Jess Frein
dietetics and psychology
graduate student

"A multi-floored mall that offers more than a Maurices and movie store"

Jesse Schluter
business
senior



Next Week:

What would you name your own reality TV show?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Turning a house into a home one Wal-Mart trip at a time.



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Creating a home from the house that I pay $290 a month for is a daunting task that has left me feeling uneasy when I walk in the door.

My roommates and I have spent a lot of money to fill our house with the necessities. While our cupboards are full, our living space remains bland with the standard white-washed walls.

My room is much the same. I have nearly finished putting away the stuff in my boxes, but cannot finish until I have more organizers to put them in. These boxes have been the focus of my stress these last two weeks. I have found it hard to organize class work when I don't have any structure at my place of occupancy.

While I am happy to be out of the dorms and into my own place, there are certain aspects of dorm-life that I miss. Like the free and unlimited services that I now write a monthly check for and the easy accessed company that didn't require a phone call, but just a walk down the hall.

The most recent savior of my sanity was bought at Wal-Mart and is contained by a leather bound case. I have rediscovered why planners are a useful tool; I no longer have to use my memory skills to remember what homework is due for what class.

I hope that these slow steps will lead me towards creating my first home away from home.

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The 411

Sept. 11 to Sept. 18

Thursday, Sept. 11
> Tolling of the Bell during morning hours
>"Quiet Reflection," 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Birch Gallery, MSC
>"Peace in the World," Reflection Service, 12:30 p.m.-1 p.m.,Ballroom B, MSC
>"Candlelight Reflection Service," w/ Sr. Kathy Wisniewski & Pastor Carole Anne McCardle of The Ministry, 7:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., North Campus Bridge
>"The Swing Crew," entertainers/musicians, 9 p.m. Pioneer Bar & Grill, 21+ only/Bring ID

Friday, Sept. 12
>University Theater Meeting, 7 p.m., Harvey Hall Theater
>"715," band, 9 p.m., Pioneer Bar & Grill, 21+ only/Bring ID
>"MOJO Lemon," band, Tailside Bar - Irvington

Saturday, Sept. 13
>"St. Joe's Parish Festival," dance, DJ Joe Maxfield, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
>"Tammy Why Not," karaoke, 9 p.m., Elk Point Resort

Sunday, Sept. 14
no events scheduled

Monday, Sept. 15
no events scheduled

Tuesday, Sept. 16
no events scheduled

Wednesday, Sept. 17
>"Clayton Miller Blues Band," 8 p.m., Pawn Patio, stu: $2.50 before/$3.50 day of, pub: $5 before/$6 day of

Thursday, Sept. 18
>"Building Better Bombs," band, 8 p.m., MSC, FREE

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Pawn people to eat downstairs



FEED YOUR BELLY
Paige Klein

Change is one of those unexpected things that you should really expect. Nothing ever really stays the same. We are constantly moving and growing in different directions. That seems to be the story for the new hours of the Terrace and the Pawn, two on-campus dining service areas in the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

The first day of school, 3 p.m. rolls around and you are getting kinda hungry for a snack. The Terrace is naturally the spot to pick up some goodies and visit with friends. You walk past the service desk or in from the library area and discover that the beloved Terrace is closed, and you must venture downstairs to the Pawn. What's up with that?

"You can't chill out, it's too small, not as scenic," said Andy Hendricks, a senior in manufacturing and engineering. "I feel like I'm stuck in the basement."

Asking around, you hear that there are others that are just as disgruntled.

"I don't like it, especially when I am working at the [service] desk," said Bridgid Brown, a sophomore in hotel, restaurant, and tourism management. "There isn't hardly anyone that comes by anymore. Also, there doesn't seem to be enough seating; I feel crowded."

Amy Frisque, a grad student in the guidance and counseling program was not pleased with the change.

"It sucks," said Frisque. "There's not as much variety. I won't go there as much as I went to the Terrace."





by Brianna Schrader, The Stoutonia

Students have mixed feelings about the new hours held at the Terrace this semester. The location of the Pawn is expected to create more of a gathering place.

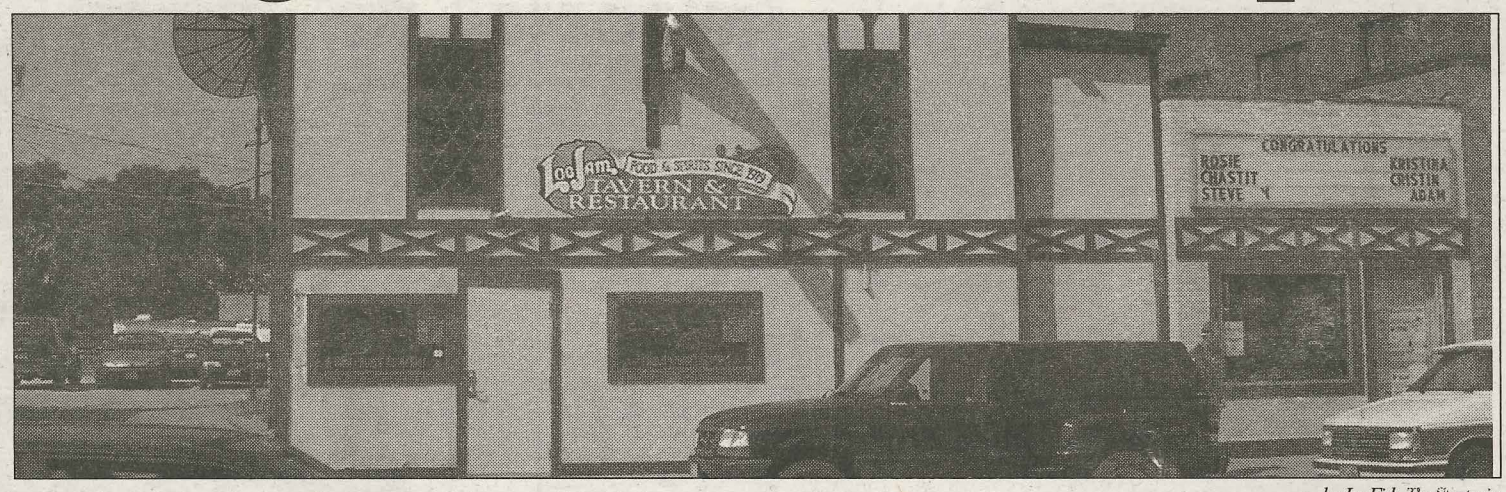
So obviously there needed to be an explanation. I decided to go to the source. Pat Niles, assistant director, University Dining Service (UDS) was happy to discuss the change and said that it boiled down to three main reasons.

The ultimate reason is that the change fits in with the master plan that the University of Wisconsin-Stout has been implementing over the years. An outside consultant made some suggestions to UW-Stout after many focus groups and surveys of faculty and students. A suggestion was that the lower level of the MSC should be more of a gathering place in conjunction with the Recreation Center.

The second part was the more obvious one: fiscal reasons. With the statewide and schoolwide budget cuts, UDS had to find a way to keep the self-sustained operation going by reducing

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Log Jammed up



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The Log Jam, located at 709 S. Broadway, was unexpectedly closed down this past summer due to tax problems. There is no word whether it will be reopening, and the Menomonie City Council has not granted permission to do so. The tavern was a popular hang for UW-Stout students.

Jaime VandenHoogen

During the summer, an unexpected event occurred that now limits the choices for nightly, downtown barhoppers. The Log Jam, a popular bar among college students and alumni, closed without any warning or a concrete explanation as to what happened. Many people were disappointed and surprised to see this once popular bar now deserted.

"Whenever you see a bar closing, it's disappointing," said Jesse Milhans, a senior graphic communications management major.

According to public information, the Log Jam had tax problems with the IRS resulting in the closure of the bar. The new owner of the Log Jam was not available to comment.

Patrick Brogan, the previous owner of the Log Jam, said that he was unable to discuss the events that caused the closing of the bar because he felt that it was not his place.

However, it very well

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overhead. UDS wanted to maintain reasonable prices, reduce staffing and stay current with the more popular food stations. This was done by moving late night operations to the Pawn.

Another major change in the community assisted the Terrace-Pawn change. Leever's closed its doors this summer. This sped up the push for more convenience/grocery items sold at the Pawn. The master plan includes increasing the line of grocery store items offered over the coming years.

As for the cramped seating complaint, the explanation was that soon there will be room to sit at the Rec Center. There are going to be some pool tables removed and more seating put in to create more of a gathering place for students.

There were other interesting facts revealed about the improved Pawn operation. They will be handling all PM delivery on south campus starting Sept. 21. On weekends, you can find the Pawn as your primary food alternative to the Commons or Tainter from noon to 11 p.m. Soon there will be a freezer that hosts pints of Schoep's and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Niles said that closing the Terrace at 3 p.m. instead of a later time was based on sales figures and break-even analysis on 30-minute increments.

"University Dining Service is more concerned about the people we are serving than the fiscal challenges," said Niles to those concerned with the new and abrupt changes in the MSC food establishments. "We will continue to review opinions through comment cards, surveys and sales."

Niles also strongly suggested visiting the UDS website at http://www.uwstout.edu/dining, e-mailing Niles or Ann Thies, director of UDS, attending the Advisory Board meetings or filling out the comment cards if there are more questions or concerns.

My personal opinion: Give the change a chance. Sometimes it is for the better. In the meantime, I'll be around town and campus bringing you belly-filling tidbits.

Jam / popular tavern closes

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may be his place. The state revenue agency has filed liens against Brogan dating back to 1998.

"I sold it to him [the current owner] on Jan. 22, 2001, after I had owned it for 13 years," said Brogan. "It's his bar now."

Apparently the business has qualifications to meet in order to receive approval from the Menomonie City Council before it will be allowed to reopen. At the moment, the steps have not been made to receive approval from the city council.

"The Log Jam is temporarily closed, but I'm unsure of when it will reopen," said city clerk, JoAnn Kadinger.

While some students were disappointed that the bar closed, others weren't affected in the least bit.

"It wasn't my choice of watering holes due to the excessive tree huggers and hippie-type patrons," said Ryan Tichenor, a junior majoring in general business.

It seems that many students have mixed feelings about the bar. Students seem to feel that if the Log Jam remains closed they will just replace the bar with another of its kind.

The future of the Log Jam is unclear. It seems that no one really knows for sure whether the owner has any intentions of trying to receive approval and reopen the business. For now students may just have to substitute another business in place of the Log Jam.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

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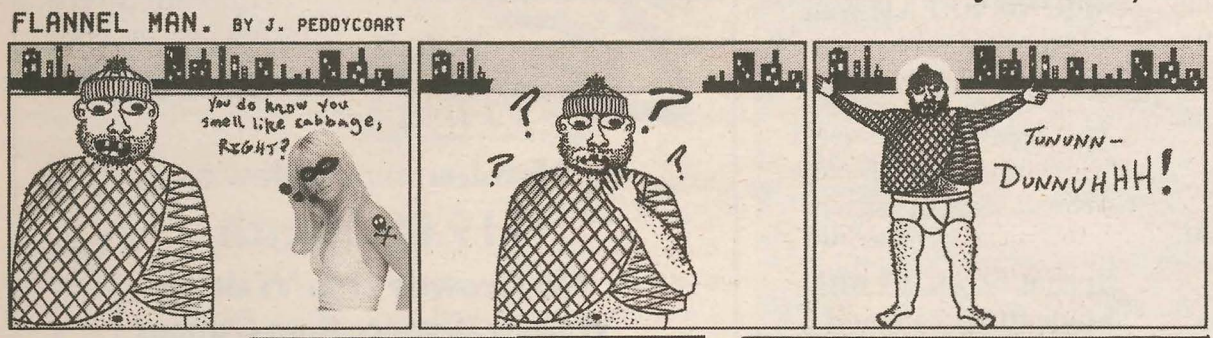
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Walker and Milo *Kyle Kingston*



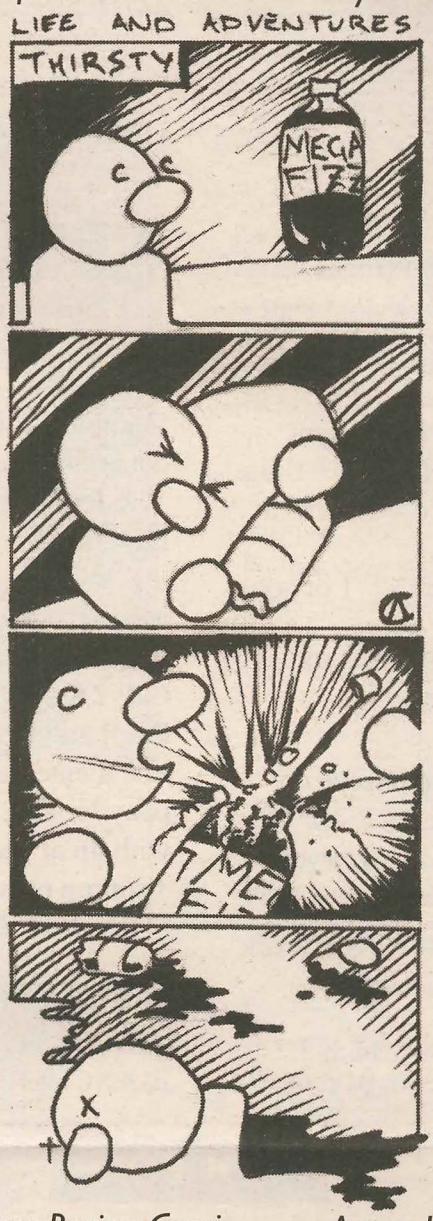
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Re-opening closed by vikings



HOTSEAT
Ryan Wessley

With the NFL football season off and running, many fans in Wisconsin and Minnesota have awaited the much anticipated border battle of the Green Bay Packers and the Minnesota Vikings.

This year the Packers were celebrating the rebirth of a legend, after they remodeled Lambeau Field. Lambeau Field was filled to capacity for the border battle and set a record Sunday with 70,505 fans in attendance.

If the Packer fans knew that the team would play as poorly as they did, more fans may have enjoyed the game from their recliner. But the loyal fans of the green and gold will sit through rain, snow or shine to cheer for a victory.

Unfortunately, the Packers dropped their season opener to the Vikings 30-25.

"Dauntee Culpepper played a great game,"said Jenna Churchill an undecided sophomore."The Packers made a comeback late in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to beat the Vikings; if the Vikings had injured running back Michael Bennet, the Packers didn't stand a chance," .

Brett Favre and the Packers didn't seem to get things going until late in the second quarter. With the score 20-3 at halftime, Vikings fans were very happy.

Packer fans, on the other hand, were probably thinking: This isn't the way we wanted to start off the season. It hurt the Packers by more than just a loss.

Pro-Bowl wide receiver Donald Driver suffered a neck strain after jumping after a Favre bullet. He landed hard and was carted off the field. He now has movement in all of his extremities.

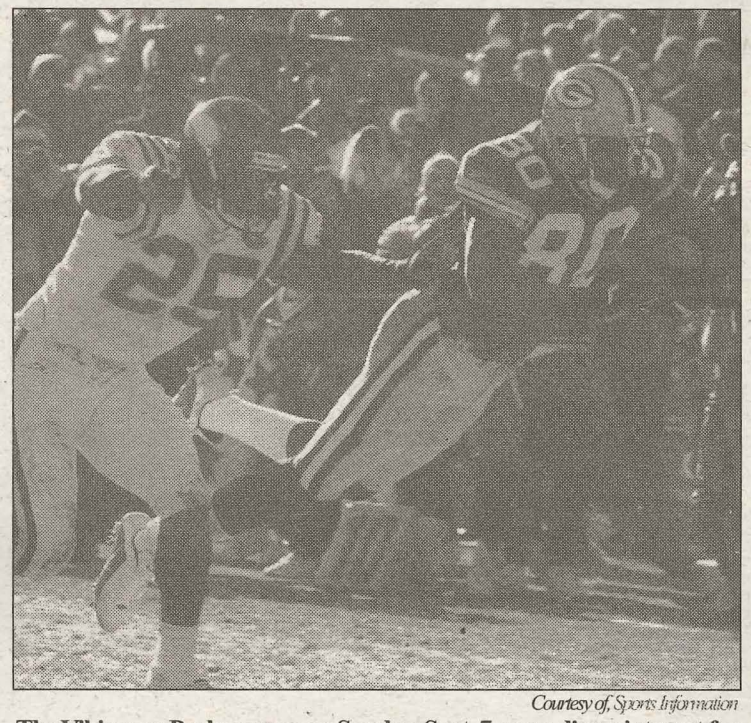
In that same offensive series, Robert Ferguson suffered injuries to his knee and ankle while trying to plunge into the end zone. Later this week Packers fans should know the health status of the two receivers and the extent of their injuries.

"If the Packers' season goes as bad as the first half of the game against the Vikings, Favre should retire," said Nick Paulson, a senior majoring in engineering technology. "And the down field threat of Randy Moss is a bigger problem than the league expected. "

Favre threw three interceptions Sunday afternoon by halftime, and Favre hasn't done that since Oct. 29, 1995, when he faced the Detroit Lions.

The Packers offense didn't seem to even run on all cylinders and lacked productivity of the first team's offense during the pre-season. This showed in Sunday's match up with the Vikings.

It's the beginning of the season, and it will take some time to get the whole team on the same page. Until then, Packer fans will be biting their nails throughout the season and all the way through the playoffs.



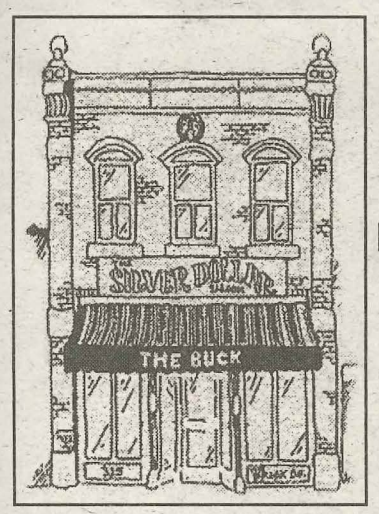
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The Vikings vs Packer game on Sunday, Sept. 7 was a disapointment for many Packer fans. Besides a loss, there were many injuries.

"It helps that Brett Favre didn't know if he was on foot or horseback, which proves that the Vikings are a quick and intimidating team," said Cassandra Teeples, a junior in human development and family studies. "Everyone thinks Brett Favre is the best, but Dauntee Culpepper holds the plan."

The Packers have a long season ahead of them, and loyal Packer fans will follow them through thick and thin.

The season started off on a sour note, but with a remodeled stadium and three-time MVP Brett Favre, the Packers are still in the



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Tough competition sets up season

Rebecca Werner

The men's football team will face many challenges this season. Hopefully the strength and experience of the team will pull them through.

"We are at the level now where we can't get teams to play us," said head coach Ed Meierkort. "So, that is what I worry about, our tough schedule."

Despite the tough opposition, the Blue Devils have many promising athletes that are expected to help pull the team to victory.

"Luke Bundgaard already holds the leading rushing record in school histoy," said Meierkort. "Nick Ohman, a quarterback, is a local hero; he is a great player. Also, Ben Neppe is a preseason All American."

These are only three of the 100 players that should pull the University of Wisconsin-Stout through this tough season.

"I think we have a shot at the title for the conference," said senior buisness major Luke Bundgaard. "As far as the play off expectation's go, we will take that one game at a time."

Despite the tough competition, the Blue Devils are in high spirits and have reason to be.

"We're going to be tough," said junior construction major Trevor DeLong. "We're ranked tenth and there are a lot of good teams out there, but our defense will be tougher than what people think."

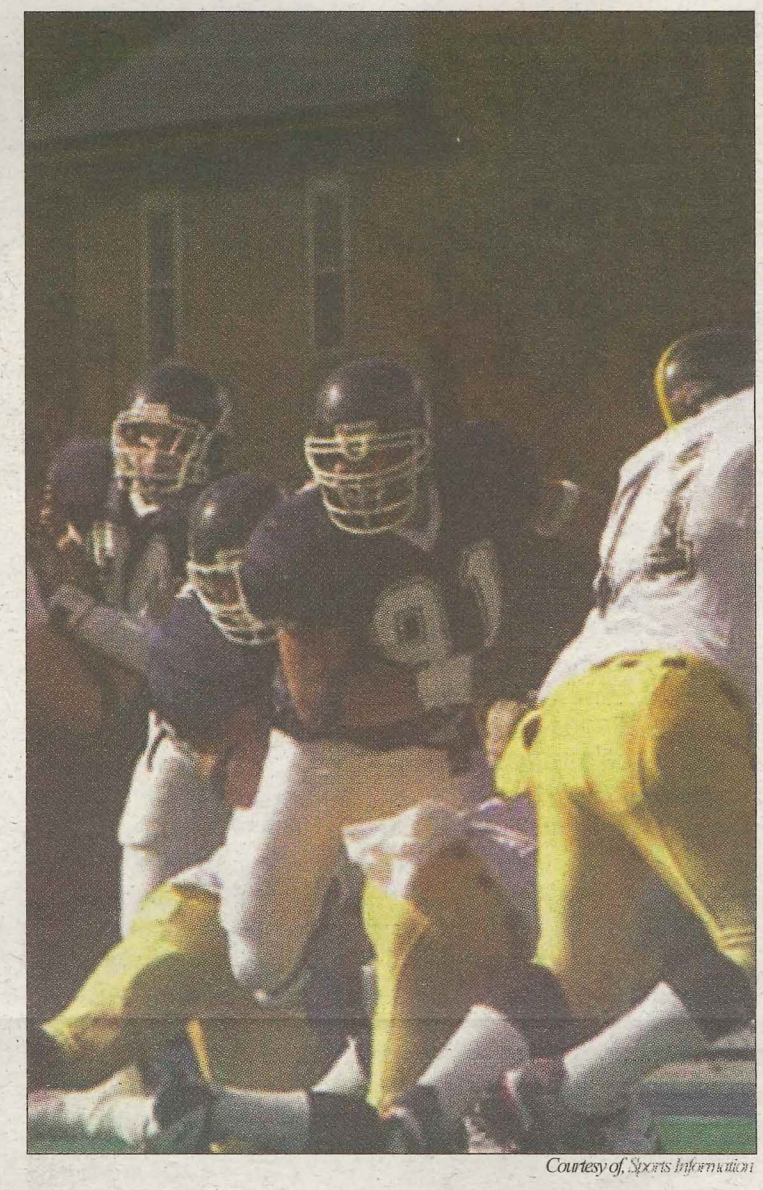
The optomistic spirit is held by not only the players, but the coaches as well.

"We returned so many good players from last year," said Meierkort. "That is why our expectations are so high."

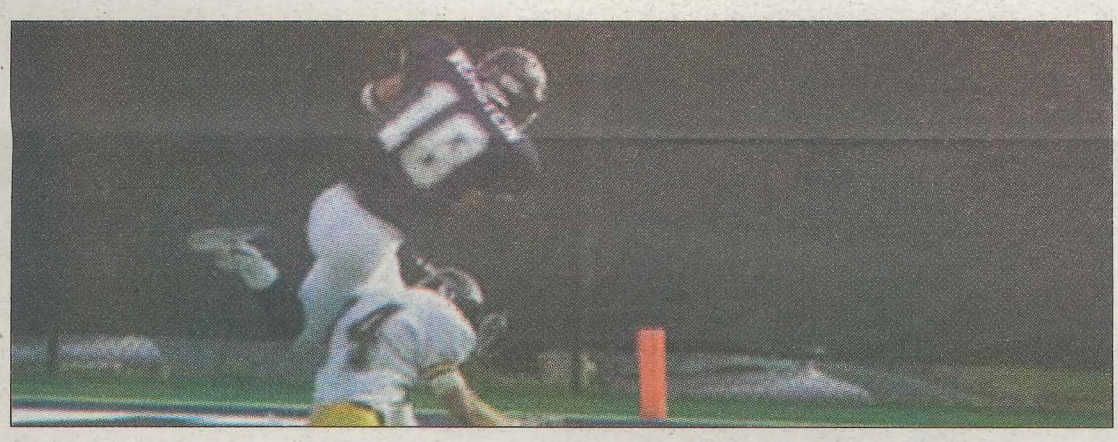
On Sat., Sept. 13 at 1 p.m., the Blue Devils will be competing against Hardin-Simmons at the Don and Nona Williams Stadium. Coach Meierkort asks that many people would show up to support the team.

"I'm looking forward to the games," said Bundgaard. "With the crowd there it makes you want to get out there in the game and do well for them."

This season has UW-Stout in a tight spot due to their schedule, but the skill of the team and support of the school should keep them ranked near the top.



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The University of Wisconsin-Stout football team starts off the season against difficult competition. Some leading players from last season returned accompanied by some promising new members offsetting the stress.

Intramural and club sports recruiting again

Wesley Simonis

It's that time of year again: time to sign up for your favorite fall Intramural or club sport. Intramurals are a common pasttime for many students, and signing up for a sport can be a difficult decision, especially since the University of Wisconsin-Stout has a very wide selection of Intramural sports throughout the year. Club sports are fun for students who enjoy competition outside of the University.

The fall Intramural sports this year include the following: flag football, sand volleyball, softball and tennis.

Teams can sign up for these sports Sept. 8-10. Fall, block two Intramurals include basketball, floor hockey, six-person volleyball, kickball and racquetball. Sign up dates for the following sports are Oct. 13-15.

All Intramurals can be signed up for online or at the University Rereation Center.



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The University of Wisconsin-Stout offers many options to students who do not have time to commit to University sports. The long list of Intramural and club sports offered should meet most peoples needs.

Students that are interested in club sports can visit the Recreation Center online to find when their sport starts.

Besides the "thrill of victory and agony of defeat," Intramural and club sports are a good way to relieve the stress of school.

Many people have found Intramurals useful because it's a good chance to get away from homework for an hour. Some students do it for the exercise, while others are into the competitive spirit. No matter what the reason, Intramural and club sports at UW-Stout continue to prosper each year with the formation of new clubs and sports.

"It's a good time getting to play sports that I like," said John Pitzen, a sophomore in technology education. " I also like having all of my friends together on one team."

Pitzen played floor hockey in last year's spring block and plans to play on a team this year as well. The growing popularity of sports has brought the same teams back each year.

"It gave me a chance to work out and still have fun," said Reed Crawford, a sophomore in industrial design. "I also thought it was cool that we got to play on the new football field."

Crawford played flag football in the fall block last year and agreed that Intramural and club sports are a good past-time during a hard school week.

"It's great how Stout donates to help club sports," said Jason Hendrickson, a sophomore in business. "If the club is organized, the university can really help out."

Hendrickson is the president of the Disc Golf Club, which is only in its second year since being revamped. Disc golf baskets will soon be seen on campus due to his hard work.

Overall, the Intramural and club sports at UW-Stout have become a calling for many students. Whether it's volleyball or soccer, the selection of Intramurals continues to grow.

Many students enjoy the competition and glory that accompanies an Intramural champion. Spots are filling up fast so sign up now.

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Latest assault puts campus on edge

Amanda Herr

On Saturday, Sept. 20, at 6:20 a.m. Menomonie police officers responded to a reported assault which occurred in an off campus student residence located in the 200 block of 16th Avenue West.

An unknown male awoke the 22-year-old female victim when he entered her room and climbed on top of her. The victim struggled with her assailant and yelled for help.

The cries awoke her roommates, and the suspect fled the residence, abandoning his suspected plan to sexually assault her. The victim was not seriously injured and required no medical attention.

The suspect has been described as a white male between the ages of 18 and 35. He has a small to medium build and is fit, but is not necessarily visibly muscular.

The investigation into this latest attempted assault has shown that the incident is related to a burglary and sexual assault reported on Sunday, Sept. 7. That assault occurred at an off campus student residence located in the 300 block of 2nd Street West.

'We just need to live uncomfortably for awhile."



Lisa Walter
UW-Stout Chief of Police

The Menomonie Police Department is not releasing any other details at this time.

"We are asking that anyone, especially those living in the affected neighborhood, contact the police department with any information they believe might be helpful to either of these two investigations," said Menomonie Police Chief Dennis Beety in a press release.

Anyone with information regarding any of the recent burglaries or sexual assaults should contact investigator Michael Mason at 232-2198, extension 131 or investigator Michael Olson at 232-2198, extension 135.

"The investigation is progressing very well," said Mason. "We want to get this thing resolved as soon as possible."

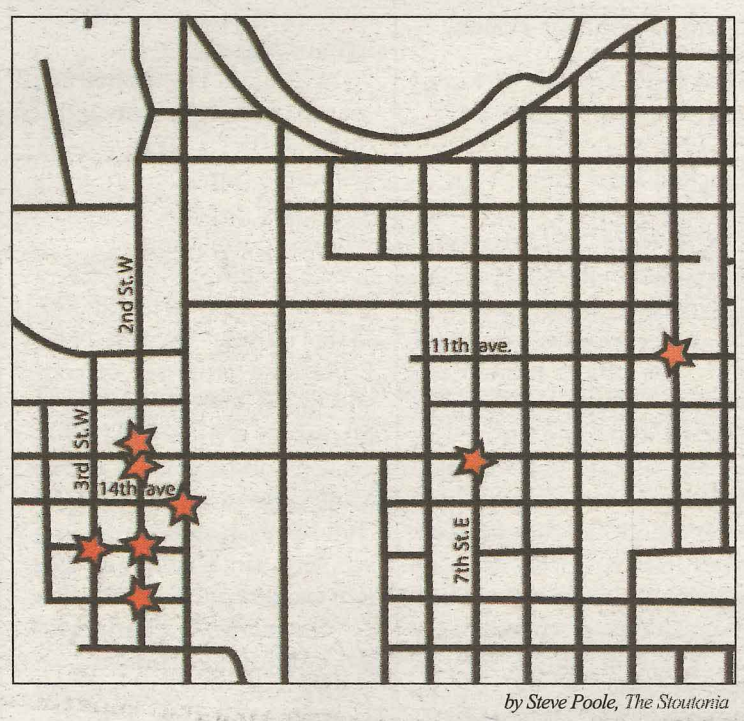
Residents are urged to lock their doors and windows at night, especially while the suspect is at large.

"We just need to live uncomfortably for awhile," said University of Wisconsin-Stout police chief Lisa Walter. "She struggled and she yelled and he fled. I don't know if that will be the case again."

In response to these events, the UW-Stout Dean of Students office is coordinating a Neighborhood Safety Gathering to be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25 at Fowler's Court on the corner of 14th Avenue and 3rd Street West. All off-campus students are invited. The event will focus on the neighborhood where the break-ins have taken place.

Students will have an opportunity to hear from and ask questions of University Police, Menomonie Police, area landlords, University Counseling Center staff and the Dean of Students.

The goal of the meeting is to provide students with information, connections, strategies and resources related to off campus safety. According to Walter, ideas will be presented about starting a neighborhood watch program.



by Steve Poole, The Stoutonia

The map above illustrates the locations of burglaries and sexual assaults that have occurred in close proximity to the UW-Stout campus since Aug. 31.

Gov. Doyle promotes new initiative at UW-Stout

Joel Shaw

Gov. Jim Doyle said at an economic conference held at the University of Wisconsin-Stout that his vision for Wisconsin is to create upper income jobs in high tech industries that will attract and retain a skilled workforce.

Synergy 2003, held at the Great Hall last Wednesday, was the first of three regional conferences addressing sustainable economic growth in west central Wisconsin. This conference focused on the role that the Chippewa Valley, St. Croix Valley and the I-94 corridor from Eau Claire to the Twin Cities play in the state's economic recovery process.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Chancellor Donald Mash was the introductory speaker for Gov. Doyle. Mash emphasized the need for a well-educated work force.

He said the state funds higher education because it expects some positive economic and quality of life outcomes. A well-educated workforce is the key to regional high wage jobs.

Mash said the UW System had done more than its share to help balance the budget. After budget cuts, the university system must develop a new plan.

"How can the University System maintain a level of quality while at the same time having it's budget cut, as it has been for the last ten years," Mash said.

The percentage of adults with college degrees, as compared to the rest of the nation, ranks Wisconsin 31. The fact that Minnesota ranks number eight is an issue that will be addressed in the new plan.

Mash said that back in mid 1980 the UW System downsized for lack of funding, and he thinks that although the system maintains high standards, the capacity to produce graduates has been diminished.

Gov. Doyle admitted that the 3.2 billion dollar deficit was a difficult issue and said that it is important not to do long-term damage to our "most important institution," the UW System. Doyle said that the University System had done its share in reducing the Wisconsin deficit.

Doyle disagreed with Mash about the condition of the Wisconsin work force.

Doyle described his Grow Wisconsin Initiative as a comprehensive agenda of action to get Wisconsin's economy moving again.

His plan intends to produce high-paying jobs that "permit people to support their families, buy homes and enjoy some of the great things that Wisconsin has to offer."

Doyle said the initiative would be the focus of his administration in the future.

He promised to improve job training, promote high tech industry, invest in and upgrade manufacturing, implement regulatory reforms, improve our infrastructure and unleash over $1 billion in public and private investment.

Doyle wants to build a world-class energy, transportation and communication infrastructure so that Wisconsin's economy can be connected to the national and world economy.

"We must be innovative without breaking the bank; we must be focused and use our resources efficiently," Doyle said.

"The fact of the matter is that we already have a wealth of state and federal programs devoted to economic development that already exist, but what has been missing is a focus and a strategic vision."

Doyle said he would use existing resources and decide how to deploy them as efficiently and effectively as possible. Doyle said that his plan was not "all-inclusive" and it wasn't meant to be.

"Our challenges are great but our potential is limitless, and together we

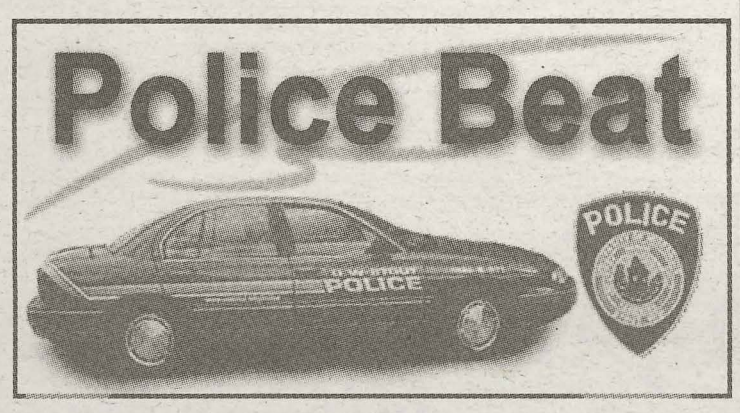
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Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Fore!
On Sept. 16, custodial staff working in Micheels Hall found the outside pane of a four foot by six foot exterior window broken when they went into room 295 to clean. The hole in the window may have come from a pellet gun, however no evidence was found at the scene to determine the object used to break the window. A custodian in the Jarvis Hall Technology Wing reported that he has found golf balls in the bullpen from time to time and believes that residents in one of the houses on 6th Street take aim at Jarvis Complex while practicing their swing.

Damaging winds
On Sept. 17, the door on a 1997 Chevy Cavalier was swung open by a gust of wind and struck the passenger side mirror of a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am. Both cars were parked in campus lot 4. The door on the Cavalier was not able to be secured shut, but was being operated in that condition. The owners of the vehicles were notified to work the problem out.

Theft from locked vehicle
On Sept. 20, university police was dispatched to lot 29 to investigate a theft from a student's locked car. The student reported someone entered his locked vehicle through the passenger side door and took a CD player valued at $300, a case of 24 CDs valued at $300 and prescription glasses valued at $300. There was no sign of forced entry into the vehicle.

More thefts from vehicle
On Sept. 20, university police were dispatched to the 1200 block of 13th Ave. E. to investigate a theft from a student's locked car. The student reported that someone entered his locked vehicle through the driver's side and took 12 CDs valued at $150 and a garage door opener valued at $50. There was also damage to the electric door lock on the driver's side. There was no sign of forced entry into the vehicle.

Cracked Rear View
On Sept. 20, a university police officer noticed a vehicle parked in the student center loading dock area with the rear window smashed out. The officer located the vehicle's owner and notified him of the damage. The owner said he gave no one permission to damage his vehicle and had no idea who would have done it. It appeared that nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Scoot to the east side
On Sept. 20, a student in HKMC reported damage to her electric scooter. The scooter was parked in the bike rack on the west side of the building. Someone tipped the scooter over causing damage to the headlight and the storage compartment on the back. A tool kit that was kept in the storage compartment was removed. The value of the scooter is approximately $375. The officer recommended that the scooter be kept on the east side of the building.

Check your books out
On Sept. 21, a student was warned for not checking out library materials before walking out of the library. The student claimed he didn't know the materials were in his backpack and received a verbal warning for the first time offense.

Stolen underwear
On Sept. 22, a student doing laundry in South Hall reported that 10 pairs of various colored thong underwear were taken from the dryer she was using. Other items of clothing were left behind. Apparently this happened to other people in the hall last week, but it was not reported. The student said she did not observe anyone suspicious and that it would have happened between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. that evening. She had left the laundry area while her clothes were drying.

Patriot Act examined

Chelsea Rickert

The Patriot Act was passed soon after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Passage of the bill eliminated the constitutional guarantee of probable cause for governmental investigation of the private lives of citizens.

With this law, police can search a house, scan computer files and bank accounts, tap phone lines and read personal e-mail without permission.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, a seminar was held at the Mabel Tainter Theater. Peter Erlinder, a professor of constitutional law and criminal justice at William Mitchel College of Law in St. Paul, Minn., spoke on the topic of civil liberties versus national security in respect to the Patriot Act.

He called the Patriot Act the "Anti-Patriotism Act."

The Red Cedar Peace Initiative and the Dunn County Democratic Party organized the event. These organizations expected about 50 people to attend, but approximately 100 people of various ages attended.

Erlinder has been a longtime defender of civil rights and often speaks publicly on such issues.

Erlinder opened his speech with a quotation from a talk radio program.

"It is time for us to begin acting like citizens and not like consumers. We can't just change the channel when important issues confront us."

"Peoples of the United States have led a charmed existence," he said.

"Why was there nothing in the media after the events of September 11th on the cause of the attacks?" an anonymous student in the crowd asked of Erlinder.

"It wasn't so much as a refusal on a part of the people to asking," Erlinder said.

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> **Peter Erlinder**
> *Professor of Constitutional Law and Criminal Justice William Mitchel College of Law, St. Paul, Minn.*

"It was a refusal on the part of the government to tell us. It's not been a lack of interest from the people. Questions are beginning to be asked and have been asked for a while, but there is a resistance to answering them."

Erlinder continued, citing a quote from a government official in 1998, that such attacks on American soil mirroring that of Pearl Harbor were foreseeable from the middle east, yet nothing was done to prevent it.

"The U.S. can no longer be considered immune to the effects of foreign policies," said Erlinder. The events of September 11 caused nationwide grief and rage.

"Such emotion is cause for great self-reflection," Erlinder said. He went on, saying that such self-reflection for the nation could be a positive outcome of the terrorist bombings.

As evidence of the violation of certain inalienable rights repeats itself throughout our nation's history, Erlinder urges the people to step forward and demand their rights be given back to them.

"We sometimes forget that the power of the government is given by the fourth and most important branch: we, the people," he states.

The government derives its powers from the consent of the governed.

"It's my thesis that for the last 200 years, ordinary people of the US have demanded constitutional equality," Erlinder said. "This has been the force that has [given meaning to our struggle for] democracy."

According to Erlinder, the term "Majority Rules" is not written in stone when it comes to the foundation of our definition of government.

"If our government is majority ruled only, new voices would never be heard. New ideas would cease. Society would become static." And, if society hides from problems instead of addressing them and fixing them, democracy

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will grow Wisconsin," Doyle said.

Mash, in his introductory address, pointed out additional reasons to be skeptical about the existence of a well-educated workforce.

"There is a large population in this state that is under served in terms of higher education," Mash said.

The people living in the state with no intention of living anywhere else are a market for more degrees.

"Wisconsin ranks very low, almost at the bottom, in terms of people with degrees migrating into the state," Mash said.

He also said that the percentage of graduates taking jobs out of state is a loss of valuable capital known as brain drain.

Only 61 percent of Wisconsin college graduates remain in state. The UW-System number for graduates remaining in state is 80 percent.

Mash thinks that private school graduates account for most of the out-migration.

Mash said Wisconsin needs to do more than recover at the same rate economically as the rest of the nation.

"We need to accelerate out of it," Mash said.

Mash said that there was a funded economic stimulus package a couple of years ago that lost funding when the Wisconsin economy took a downturn.

Doyle hopes to soon hear about the results of the discussions held during the conference to receive input and move forward.

Synergy 2004 will be held Sept. 15-16 at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

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Desire2Learn to erase Blackboard

Tim Solfest

This past April the University of Wisconsin System was told by Blackboard Incorporated, the vendor that provides the Blackboard learning portal, that they would be increasing their licensing fees by four-to-five-fold, according to the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents.

This prompted the UW System to step back and re-evaluate the current course management system offerings.

An 11-member committee was formed to conduct the search process. This committee was comprised of individuals throughout the University of Wisconsin System with expertise in essential areas including finance, technology and education.

Their directive was to find a platform that would be suitable for meeting the needs of the University of Wisconsin System and allowing for individual differences within the campus while being cost effective.

After an extensive search, the committee recommended Desire2Learn (D2L), a learning platform environment for use at colleges and universities. The phasing out of the current Blackboard platform will occur over the next year.

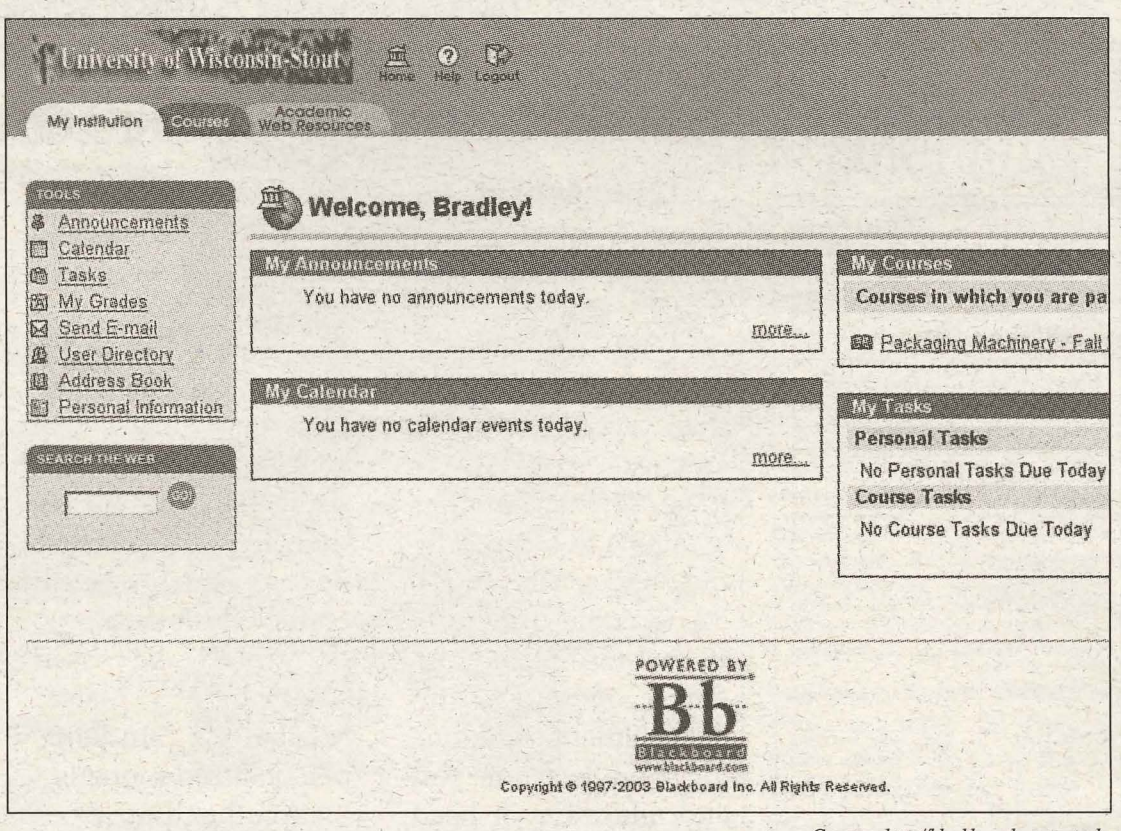
One of the most noticeable features of D2L is the ability to customize the program to a greater extent than is allowed in Blackboard's program. On a university level, the University of Wisconsin-Stout will have the ability to customize nearly every aspect of the platform to such a degree that it seems as though it is owned and controlled by the university.

For instance, if UW-Stout chooses to place a picture of the Bowman Hall clock tower on the D2L homepage and make the color scheme navy blue and white, they will have the ability to do so.

"D2L is a feature-rich platform, looks nice and is user friendly," said Joe Brown, UW-Stout's chief information officer.

Many of the features that were previously available on Blackboard will be included in the D2L interface.

The same time-saving features of integrating online-based classrooms where a student may take a quiz online, send homework as an attachment in an e-mail or download a course syllabus will be available.



Courtesy http://blackboard.uwstout.edu

The Blackboard interface that UW-Stout students have become accustomed to will not be used by the UW System after next year. A new system, Desire2Learn, will be used instead because it is more cost efficient.

"The biggest disadvantage [with D2L] that students will face is the learning curve," said Brown.

Several other features allow students to store personal files, send instant messages, and view an online grade book.

"When you use these products [D2L or Blackboard], what you've done is allowed students to take the class without being in the same space and time as the instructor," said Brown.

UW-Stout information technology systems will be hosting two forums on course delivery systems. One will be on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 2:30 p.m. and the other on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Each presentation will last approximately 90 minutes and is open to the UW-Stout community.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is already using D2L and all UW System schools will be exclusively using D2L by next year.

Patriot Act / Speaker opens minds to privacy issues

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will "wither and die."

Librarians are being forced to turn over lists of people and the books that they check out without telling the library patrons.

Erlinder believes that the Patriot Act is neither a republican nor a democratic issue but an American people issue.

"It is true that we have to be safe," Erlinder said. "But 200 years of history have told us that before we give up rights that make us free citizens, the government must prove that there is not [an] alternative. And that has not happened yet."

According to Erlinder's interpretation of the Patriot Act, many people will be unable to board airplanes because of racial profiling, not because of what they have done, but because of what they might do.

Someone from the crowd wondered aloud if this was truly a matter of national security or if it was another outlet for long-concealed prejudice.

"It's my theory that it's the American people that we can rely upon, and we are the American people," he said.

"The question to this generation is whether we have the courage to live up to the promise of our constitution."

Erlinder answered questions after his speech.

"If you didn't know anything about politics, you wouldn't be able to understand what [Erlinder] was talking about most of the time," said Amanda Cynor, a freshman in multimedia design.

"But I am thankful that he came in and spoke about the Patriot Act, because I didn't even know anything about it before hand.

"The Bush administration took advantage of September 11 to pass as many laws as they could. I don't think it's right that they should be able to invade people's lives."

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Worth Hearing Once

Bathtubs

Because you can't take a bubbleshower.

Suitcases, Blackboard, and a book deal

Look around the campus on a Friday afternoon and see how many students are packing up for the weekend. Now more than ever, we are a suitcase college. We have fewer activities available to us on campus and even in the Menomonie community because of the sagging economy. So students either head home for some welcome rest and relaxation or head out for some fun.

What is it about this area that drives kids our age away? If our science department could bottle this phenomenon and sell it as a sort of twenty-somethings Raid, we wouldn't have a budget crisis. Instead, we'd have a great "where can I park my personalized golf cart crisis."

Now students all know that our campus is a laptop campus and our classes are supposed to use Blackboard. But some students have only one class that utilizes that website and a few students have no classes that use Blackboard. Perhaps money spent on the Blackboard project could be used somewhere else? Maybe for students' personalized mopeds.

Another quip about Blackboard is that there are classes from two years ago still on students' Blackboard pages. The instructors are no longer here, but their Blackboard course is? Blackboard doesn't need to act as a little "thanks for the memories" website.

And finally, the book deal. Three of the higher-ups on campus signed a deal to write about their experiences that lead to the winning of the Baldridge Award.

As a quick side note, all of us here at *the Stoutonia* help to make a weekly newspaper, and we don't have a book deal. Yet.

It's great that the people who worked hard to get that award will benefit for all their hard work.

It will be interesting to see what experiences were involved in the winning of a national award, but it would also be nice to see a small amount of input from the students of the award-winning campus, just to have our voice heard.



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Shoot down stress with paintballs



CRACKIN' UP
Joe Wiesneski

For those of us not in the military, paintball is the closest thing to battle we can experience.

Adrenaline coursing through your veins during the thrill of the hunt is one of the most exhilarating experiences a person can have.

Getting a large group of people together to play, at anytime of the year, is easier than you might think. You don't even need to spend a lot of money or travel very far.

Bachelor, birthday or graduation parties are all great times to go paintballing. Almost anyone can play; from a nerdy sixth grader all the way on up to your mom.

I saw a women's team perform very well in a tournament, taking fourth place out of ten teams. The first place team, from that very tournament, was so impressed that they gave the female team all of the guns and equipment that they used in the tournament. They wanted to help the women's team continue to improve.

Paintballing is relatively inexpensive for a first-time player, so no need to be frightened. If you have never played before, this next part won't make too much sense, but trust me, it's a good deal.

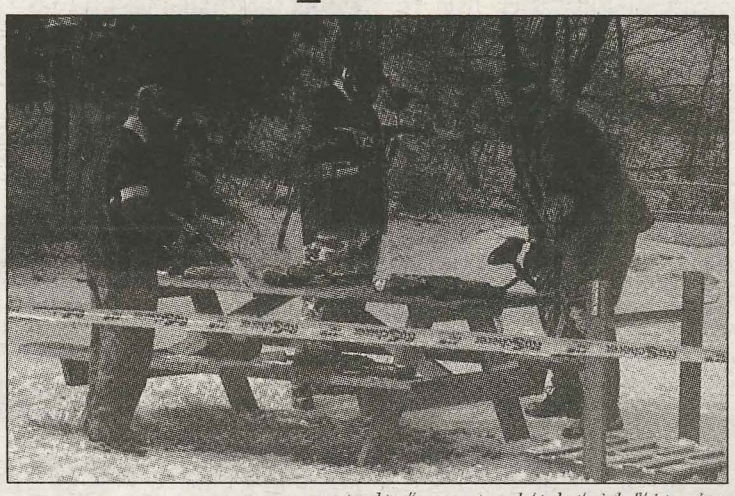
A V1 Triton semi-automatic paintball marker (gun), JT paintball mask, 200 round paintball hopper, barrel plug, barrel squeegee and a 9-ounce CO2 tank can all be purchased from Wal-Mart for under $100. The CO2 tank is refillable; you can get it filled at Ace Hardware for around $3 and buy your paintballs, too.

There is actually a paintball club here on campus. They regularly go to 1st Strike or Bubba's Paintball. The president of the club is Tim Strey, but vice-president Mike Abts is the person to contact about joining. Abts can be reached at 232-2711.

The fee for joining is $30. This includes the course fees, paintballs and CO2. If you don't currently own a gun, they have a few extras for new members to use.

Don't think that joining the club will only give you something to do for only half of the year. The club goes lazerballing in the multi-purpose room during the winter. Lazerball is paintballing without the paint. Instead of using paint, players use small Nerf balls.

For anyone out there looking to get in shape and have fun, this is it. So, for everyone looking for something to do with their free time this weekend, think about paintball, and take a shot at it.



courtesy, http://www.uwstout.edu/student/paintball/pictures.htm

Members of the club team go over their weapons during the First Strike outing on in early March of last year.

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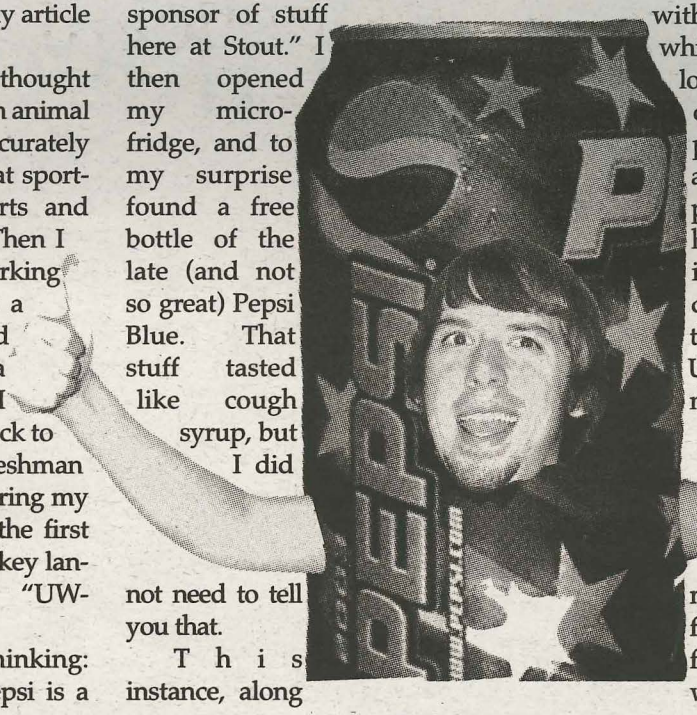
NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

I recently found out that our official mascot here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is not actually the Blue Devil, but "The Quills," or something related to the quill symbol that appears on all kinds of UW-Stout paraphernalia.

Whatever feathery mascot we have, be it quill or not, I thought that in accordance with this week's slant question, I would give my choice for a new mascot in my article for this week.

I gave this a lot of thought and tried to think of an animal or object that could accurately represent our school at sporting events, on t-shirts and pennants and such. Then I remembered that, lurking in the shadows, was a great mascot that had been waiting for a chance all along. I recalled all the way back to one year ago, to my freshman year when, upon entering my new dorm room for the first time, I received a free key lanyard that read: "UW-Stout/Pepsi."

I remember thinking: "Hey, I wonder if Pepsi is a sponsor of stuff here at Stout." I then opened my micro-fridge, and to my surprise found a free bottle of the late (and not so great) Pepsi Blue. That stuff tasted like cough syrup, but I did not need to tell you that.



This instance, along with others in which the Pepsi logo has been carefully placed around campus, has helped in my decision of the new UW-Stout mascot.

If I have my way, from this day forward, we will be known as the UW-Stout Fighting Pepsis! (Gooo Pepsis!) It makes sense to me. I mean, Pepsi is the voice of a new generation; at least that's what Britney tells me. And in comparison to Vanilla Coke, Pepsi is not-so-vanilla, what's not to like?

Plus, Pepsi is tough. At science fairs in elementary school, there was always that one kid whose whole experiment was to show how Pepsi could dissolve a tooth if you left it soaking for about a week. So, watch out rival schools, we'll beat you so bad we'll dissolve you like a tooth…in about a week, or so. Oh, never mind. Go Fighting Pepsis, I guess.



Thank you everyone

Dear students, staff, and faculty of Stout: I am writing to express my thanks for the kindness shown me after the sudden May 17th death of my husband Jim Rada, astronomy instructor in the Physics Department.

Jim loved astronomy. His earliest memory was of his mother holding him during a total solar eclipse. At midday it became dark as night. The chickens marched into their coop, and the rooster crowed when the sun reappeared. As a teenager, he viewed meteor showers from a lawn chair in the middle of his street, much to the consternation of the local cops.

Jim also loved teaching and especially enjoyed working with students who were inquisitive, enthusiastic, and hard working. He found many such students at Stout.

I would be so grateful if any students from his classes would email me stories, highlights, or jokes from class. I will share these with his parents, whose hearts are broken as surely as mine is.

Thank you and God bless.

Karen Jensen,
wife of Jim Rada
email: ole.lena@visi.com
phone: 651-602-1401

Why we re-landscape

Well……we are not re-landscaping the Library Learning Center. The Grounds Department is, however, replanting an existing garden by the LLC main entrance. Our goal is to gradually incorporate more Wisconsin native perennial flowers and grasses into the campus gardens.

Native plants can tolerate the stresses of our dry sandy soils because their extensive root systems extend into the soil 8 to 16 feet. They are long-lived and require less maintenance, irrigation and excessive fertilizers to prosper, which reduces long-term costs. Unfortunately, we needed to remove some old subsurface construction rubble to allow these extensive root systems to grow.

The money to plant this garden came from the Campus Beautification Fund, a donation by Wes Sommers, who was instrumental in creating the beautiful campus as we know it today. This is not just a beautiful garden, but also a teaching garden that will offer an environmentally progressive example of a garden that reduces maintenance, chemicals, and ground water usage while enlightening us about historical plants of natural areas.

If you care to take a campus tour, please do so, particularly on Friday and Monday mornings before we spend time cleaning up all the trash on campus. Students collectively have the ability to save $19,079. per year, in labor costs alone, by simply making sure your trash is in a container when you toss it away.

Thank you,
Lynn Peterson
UW-Stout Grounds Supervisor

Ms. Peterson,

Thank you for your letter explaining the work that is being done outside the LLC. It is nice to see that the effort is being made to make our campus a more beautiful place.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Terror response

I am writing in reponse to an article about Laura Hartung, the "AF terrorist" and all the support we, the vicitims, are receiving from the judicial system and the university, whether we realize it or not.

I was a resident on her floor in the fall of 2001, when and where most of her heinous acts were committed. In the year I lived in AF, the residents went through hell because of her. Not only was our sense of security gone, but so was our time to sleep. Countless nights were spent on the curb; some of us even purchased lawn chairs to take outside with us. We couldn't fall asleep at night because we knew the fire alarm would go off, or we were afraid there was going to be another real fire and we wouldn't wake up. Then, after the false alarms turned into real fires, the bomb threats started. And what if those ended up being real bombs?! We were tired and crabby every day, Grades suffered and so did we. All year we had annoying secuity checks and were able to only use one door in the building.

But, I must say thank you to all those who were involved in finally catching her. Even after all this time, it is good to know justice WILL be served. I met with the Assistant DA who will be working on the case and he is confident that Laura will get what she deserves. I witnessed her first appearance in court a few weeks ago, and I will be there every time she is. And, even though she only admitted to about half of the events that occured, I am confident that she will pay for those crimes.

Thank you to all the staff who worked on catching her: the university police, the people who worked security in the dorm (who tried to make us feel secure, even though NOTHING could), the court system, the faculy and staff who were patient with us, the counselors who we were able to talk to, and the other residents in the dorm who didn't let these acts deter us and let Laura win in this game she was playing. We will have justice in the end.

I don't, however, think it is fair to blame the university for hiring her. Who knew that someone would have such a malicious mind and would want to put hundreds of people in danger. That is not something you can imagine when hiring a person to be an RA.

Stephanie Berger
UW-Stout Student

Facts, man. Facts.

Facts! So often we choose not to use them for the simple reason that they conflict with our personal point of view. Yet facts are more important today in our current political system then they have ever been. There are so many possible topics to discuss… of them all I would like to focus on our current war in Iraq. Why are we in Iraq?

Most people believe that we are in Iraq to end 9/11 terrorism and to free the Iraqi people. However, to date no link has been found to tie Iraq with the 9/11 incident and Al-qeda. No Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) have been found. We have found a few chemicals weapons but nothing compared to the mass quantities the government claimed.

What about the issue of freeing the Iraqi people from a murderous dictator? Is this the real reason we are there? No, sadly it is not. If it were our political history would show us helping African nations that have had murderous dictators! And no less they were dictators that we have actually helped keep in power. Liberia has been the only country we have truly helped. Just how many troops did we send there? 200 compared to the almost 150,000 that are now in Iraq. The simple reason we are there is because of our greed and money hungry ways.

Let's review a couple of facts:

Iraq has oil the U.S proclaims will be sold to help rebuild Iraq. Who do you think this oil will be sold to?

Dick Cheney Vice President of the U.S and CEO of Halliburton Co., has been instrumental in helping his own company get 1.7 billon dollars in contracts. The competing company got 680 million dollars according to Time Magazine Sept 8, 2003.

We have lost 80,000 jobs a month since George Bush has been in office (Time Magazine Sept 15, 2003).

The Homeland Security office is still not functioning as it should. Laws that are supposed to stop terrorist are taking our own civil liberties away.

As the President asks for 87 billion dollars from Americans we need to ask ourselves some serious questions:

Is this war worth the price?

Is it worth losing our freedoms?

Is it worth losing jobs?

Imagine how low our college tuition would be if even half of that 87 billion dollars was used on education instead of helping greedy corporations. We as students, American citizens have the power to change it and we must change it now … for our future depends on it!

Patrick Stinnett
UW-Stout Student

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More than just a fingerprint

Lara Monk

Dusting for fingerprints, tracking anonymous phone calls and e-mails, installing $30,000 of surveillance equipment and the list goes on.

After 23 months of investigation, a suspect has been charged with the bomb scares of Antrim-Froggatt (AF). Some students have complained about the length of the investigation.

What are the police doing wrong?

Several stages are involved in issuing a report to the University Police Department. First the report must be made, whether it is an underage drinking incident, disorderly conduct or a domestic situation.

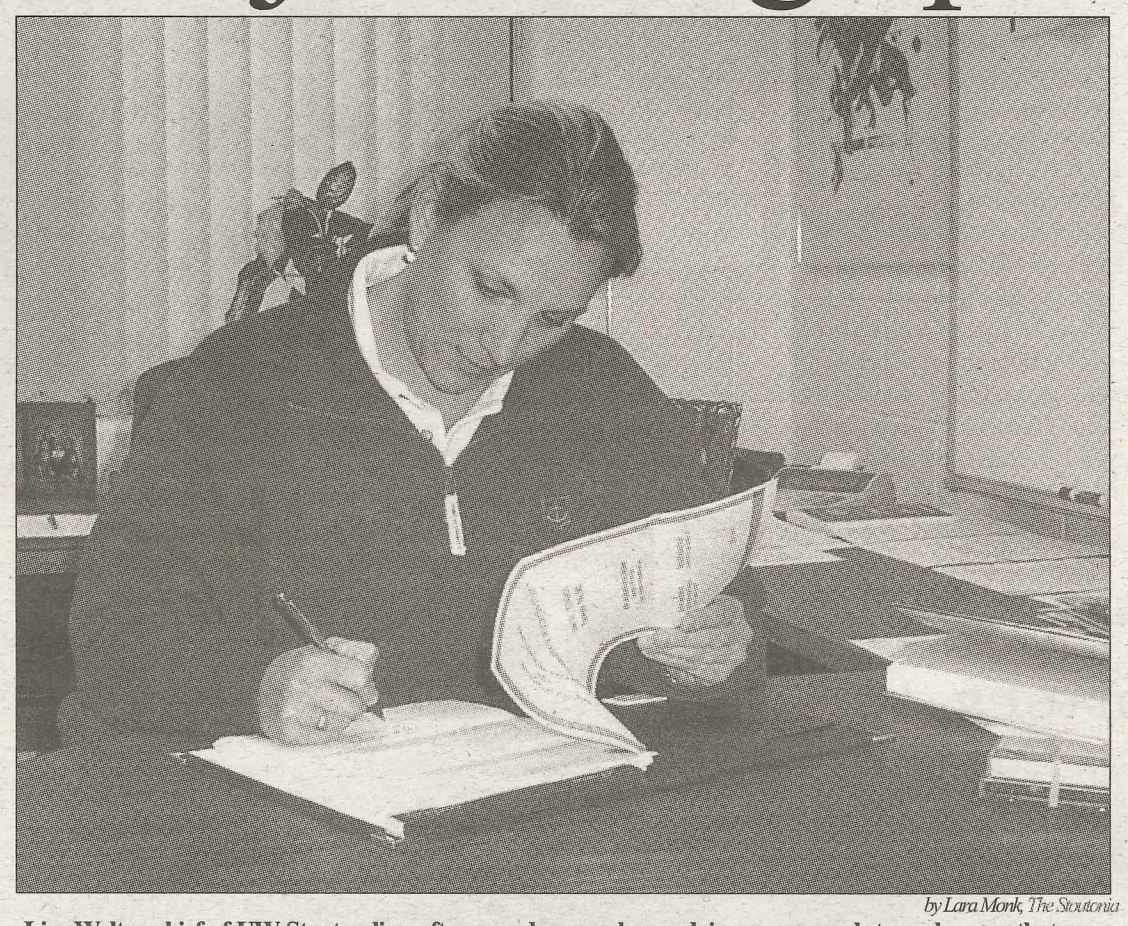
A field interview is conducted, the individuals are contacted and evidence is gathered from each.

"[Evidence] can sometimes be obvious as the beer can in their hand," said Lisa Walter, University Chief of Police and Parking Services. "These types of reports are cut and dry and take anywhere from 30-60 minutes," said Walter.

Not all cases flow so easily. In some cases, the investigation stands still for an extended period of time until enough information can be gathered and recorded.

Over Labor Day weekend of 2001, AF residence hall was bombarded with fire alarms being pulled. In order to prevent this from happening again, the police interviewed people to see if they saw anything peculiar.

The installation of Plexiglass covers over all AF fire alarms was the next step taken in prevention. When or if the covers were lifted, a separate alarm would sound only on that particular floor.



by Lara Monk, The Stoutonia

Lisa Walter, chief of UW-Stout police, often spends many hours doing paper work to make sure that every investigative move the department makes is recorded in document.

Fingerprints, also known as latent prints, aren't used in day-to-day investigations. The process of taking fingerprints involves dusting or taking the whole item into a crime lab to create a print. The prints are then scanned, creating a digital image.

Fingerprints will only be comparable if the perpetrator has had his or her fingerprints taken previously and can be matched to those in the Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS).

Usually the person hasn't been previously charged, but the print can be used from case-to-case.

After many false fire alarm scares, the first bomb threat was called in on September 13, 2001.

"This was a very emotional time, and we took the threat very seriously; someone was trying to manipulate other individuals," said Walter. "There was a lot of reassuring of the students and of their families, along with hours of investigating."

Barb Lande, Coordinator of the Victim Witness Assistance Program through the District Attorney's office said, "We make sure that the victim is being treated fairly and that all of their rights are being met."

The soul purpose of the Victim Witness Assistance Program is to serve victims and address their needs.

After each of the first two bomb threats, the entire AF residence hall was evacuated. After the third and fourth calls, the hall was searched for suspicious people and objects.

Walter said the perpetrator got people out of the dorms with the false fire alarms, with two of the bomb threats, but then had to resort to starting actual fires in order to get people out of the hall.

"Fires were started by lighting posters from the walls on fire," said Walter.

Larger steps now had to be taken. All of the doors of AF were on a lockdown 24 hours a day forcing the residents to sign in and out of the building. During the arson investigation every resident of AF was interviewed face-to-face, which took several weeks. Anonymous e-mails and telephone calls lead to over 100 possible suspects, all of whom were interviewed.

"Success of an investigation is contingent on getting as much information as possible. People may know something that they don't think they know, but most likely it'll have some kind of impact," said Keith McCarten, police sergeant.

One of the threats that came into the office was traced back to the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

"Right away we removed the phone, boxed it up, drove it to the crime lab in Wausau, Wis. and had it dusted for prints," said Walter. "We found partial prints, but no matches could be made."

The residents of AF were asked if they would be willing to have their fingerprints taken.

The end of the semester was drawing near and the perpetrator was running out of time. Over semester break the university police department spent over $30,000 installing camera equipment that would operate 24 hours a day.

Towards the end of the 2002-2003 school year, anonymous e-mails about AF staff with possible illegal activity - not enforcing underage alcohol consump-

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Steps of a Standard Investigation

- Report is written by officer
- Field interviews are conducted on all possible leads
- Suspects are contacted
- Evidence is gathered
- Citation is given or person is charged criminally
- If charged, suspect is taken to jail

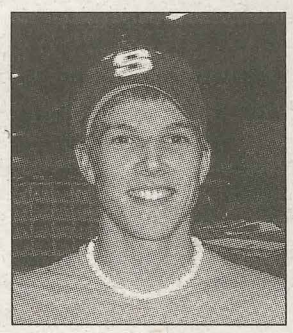
Student Poll

Do you feel you are informed enough about the recent crimes in Menomonie?



"They are doing a good job of informing us, but they are not really saying what they are doing about it."

Tara O'Keefe
freshman, undecided



"I think they are handling it the best they can based on all the e-mails I've gotten."

Brad Kelch
sophomore, applied math



"It's good they are sending out the e-mails and keeping us informed. It shows they are not taking this lightly."

Katie Ziemke
senior, business

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There are no concrete decisions when choosing a major



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Our minds are changing constantly. Plans are made and broken with the turning hour, and life goals are reworked constantly.

The proverbial question is asked of every child beginning at an early age.

"What do you want to do when you grow up?"

This question is asked more and more throughout the years as children move along their educational path. Often the weight of the question puts unnecessary pressure on a person to decide on a concrete future plan. High schoolers are forced to choose a major in order to find the right college.

Students that go into college without declaring a major are labeled of undecided. If an area of interest isn't found soon thereafter, panic sets in and a rushed decision may be made.

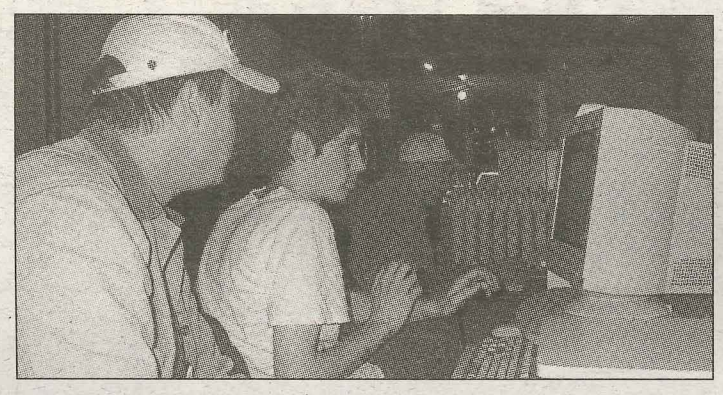
Students that have decided on a major may find that it is not the direction they want to go. Their dilemma lies in finding what major will suit their goals and aspirations.

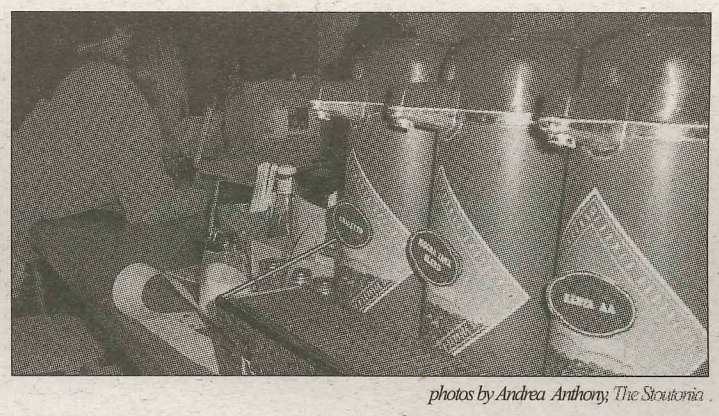
Re-evaluating your future is a natural occurrence that everybody goes through to different degrees. Some may completely change their career interests, and some may stick with their current goals.

To stay on the four year track, students have to stay focused, but a change in major can be catastrophic to their ability to get out on time. This becomes a huge factor for students that have made a dent in their course outline.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout offers flexible programs that allow students to shape their own degree. While this is very beneficial, students may not understand what program will give them the best chance of getting into their dream job.

Ultimately this decision cannot be made by anyone but yourself. It will affect the rest of your life, but it is never set in stone. Time will take you to whatever future you want, as long as you take the initiative to turn onto the path.

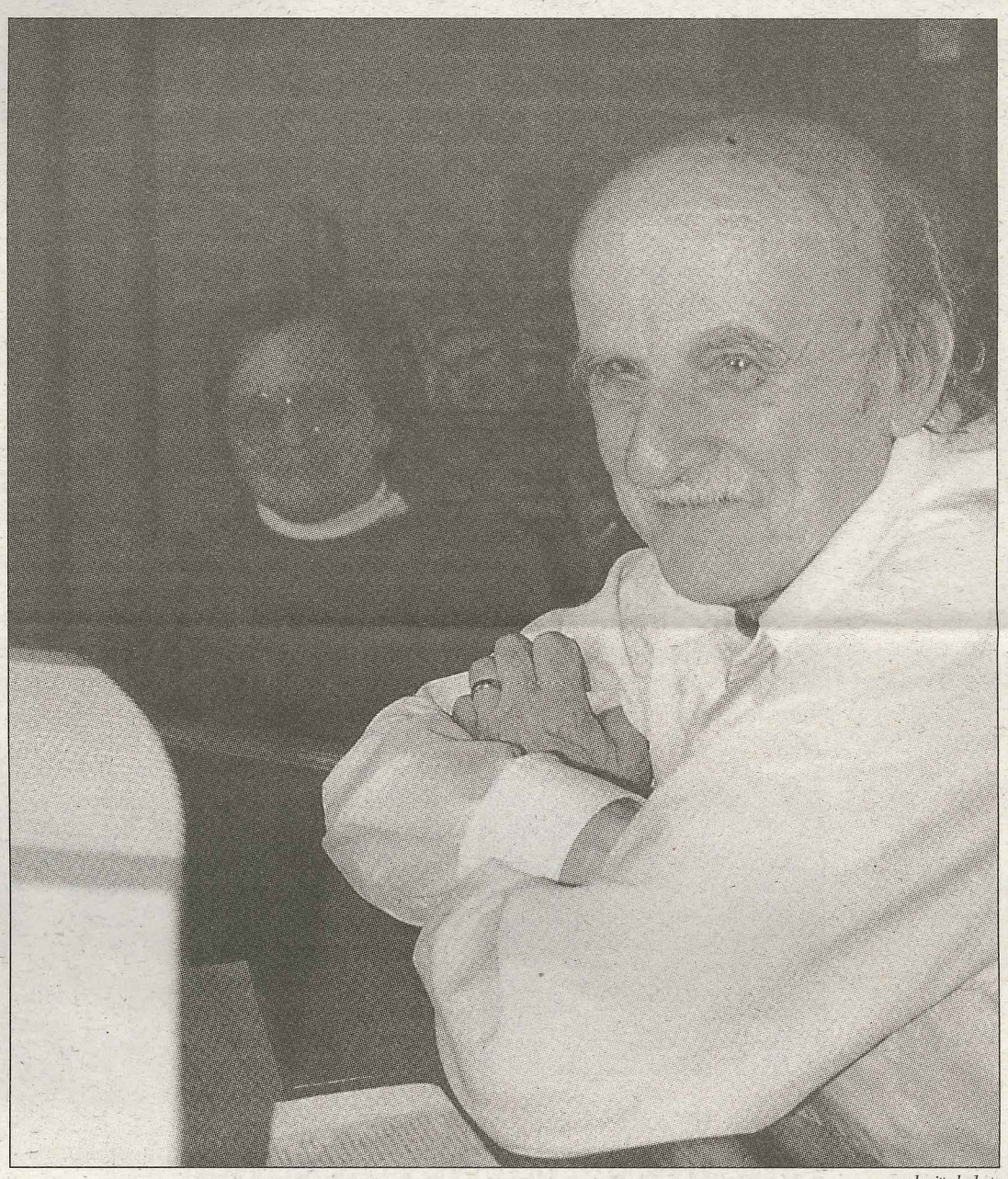




photos by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

A lot of history tucked in a corner

Stephanie Deshler



submitted photo

Dick Banks, who is legally blind, sits happily in his cafe with his wife Carol, who is paralyzed from the waist down. The couple has overcome obstacles to open a cafe in the town of their alma mater.

You're sitting with a cool drink in front of a neon blue computer screen, mind focusing solely on the work in front of you; the same work that has been in front of you for hours. Your back is sore, and your eyes are dry. Human interaction seems distant and imaginary… Until you turn around to see the bright smiling faces of the Banks family around you. Maybe one of the Banks is walking across the old wooden floor, two are behind the counter making espresso and wraps and the other to your left is clicking on a keyboard.

Dick Banks, the owner of an Internet café called the Net House Café, had a dream. A dream that is no different from any ordinary man. He wanted to do something for his children by giving them the chance to fail or succeed and at the very least, the chance to try.

Banks and his wife Carol are both alumni of University of Wisconsin-Stout. They both began in the vocational rehabilitation major, but as time went on Dick's interests changed, and he never finished out his program. However, Carol finished her bachelors degree in vocational rehabilitation and also earned a master's degree in the same with a concentration in business administration.

"We actually met at UW-Stout," said Carol. "It was a sort of campus romance because we were a few of the only older students in the class."

Although Dick has been legally blind since birth and Carol has been paralyzed from the waist down since the age of seven, neither one of them let their disabilities get in the way of all the things they wanted out of life.

"One day we were out downtown," remembers Dick, "and my wife said we ought to have a little coffee house for the people in Menomonie."

Although this was the origin of the idea for the Net House Café, at this point in time Dick did not take Carol's idea seriously.

Dick and his oldest son Greg were already working together for a non-profit organization. They consulted college staff accessibility to computers and technology for the disabled, helping the schools to stay in accordance with the law.

"My father and I had already decided it was time to get our own office," Greg said.

As Dick and Greg Banks started to look into getting a small office for their consulting, they stumbled across a good deal on the space that is currently the Net House Café.

"When he showed me this place, I thought maybe someday, if everything goes well, we could get a place like this," said Dick. "But then I got a great deal."

For the most part, everything you see in the Net House Café is hand made. The space actually used to be a garage to fix cars and if you look closely, on the floor you are still able to see old oil stains.

"This place has a lot of history," Dick said.

Now that the Banks had a place for their small business and café, the hard work could begin.

"It takes five to seven years for a lending institution to lend businesses money," Dick said. "It's like a new broom that sweeps clean. Everybody comes to check it out at first because it's new, but then you have to have something to keep the business going. You have to be smart enough to get over the hump."

So, without any help from a bank, Dick decided to fund the idea of the Internet café with money they had saved and a credit card.

"We all had to make a lot of sacrifices, especially the kids," said Dick. "You're dead in the water if a cooler goes out."

The Banks wanted to create a place where people could come in and feel comfortable.

"We're not an eating establishment who thinks we're cool because they have computers," Dick said. "We are computer people. People can come in here and recognize us as a place for advice;

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most of which we give away for free."

Because of the Banks' family thinking, the Net House Café is a place you can go into and not feel pressured to buy anything or spend a lot of money.

"We have good food," said Dick. "If we would have just relied on the food we would have failed because profitability doesn't come from food."

Then without even intending to change the goals of the business, customers started coming in wanting the Net House Café to help with building computers.

"I also started giving private lessons to those in the community who are intimidated by computers and technology," said Dick.

The Net House Café is definitely a family affair. Customers rarely find a time when an owner isn't in mingling with the customers.

Although Dick and Carol originally wanted this business for all four of their children, son Greg and his wife Sandy, have taken over the majority of the duties and roles that the kids did because the other siblings have had interest in doing other things.

"I don't look at this as a sacrifice," Greg said. "I look at it as an investment. I could be making more money, but I wouldn't have built something. I don't even know if I could work for anyone anymore. Working for yourself is a kind of addiction."

Menomonie isn't the perfect place to start a small business, and many businesses have failed in the past, especially those in the downtown area.

"When we opened, everybody was waiting for us to close," said Dick. "But we're starting our fourth year and not going anywhere."

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tion - began to surface.

Using the verbiage of these new e-mails and that of the old e-mails, the police were able to match pieces together to bring the case nearer to close. These matches brought Laura Hartung, a University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate, in for interviewing.

Hartung admitted to some of the incidents and obtained an attorney. Hartung plead not guilty to the misdemeanor charges, and will appear at a preliminary hearing on September 29 at Dunn County Judicial Center.

"A judge will hear all the evidence and determine if it was legally gathered and if it is enough to charge," said Walters. "It's a good checks and balance system, but it all takes time."

Overall, these big and odd situations use the majority of the university's resources when they only make up a small percentage of the total cases investigated.

It shouldn't be a question of whether the university police are doing it wrong.

"Society is used to seeing cases solved within 60 minutes between commercials. We're used to an instant society, but it's not always cut and dry," said Walter.

Slant

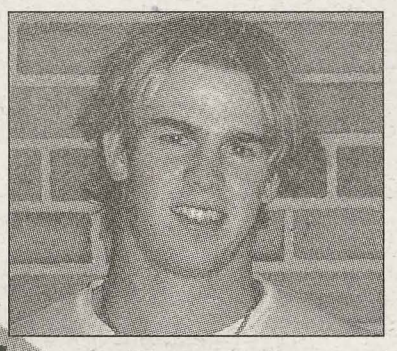
If you could steal any mascot for UW-Stout which one would it be?



"Galloping Ghosts"

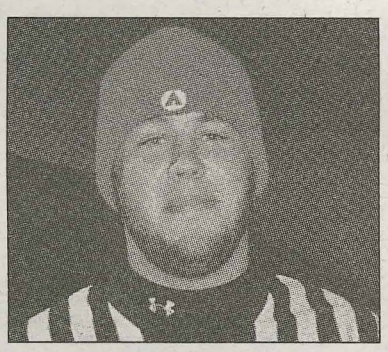


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Thursday, Sept. 25
>American Veterans Traveling Tribute, Vietnam Wall Replica, Carson Park, Eau Claire, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
>Neighborhood Safety Gathering, 4.30 p.m., Fowler's Court (corner of 14th Ave. and 3rd St. W.)
>Open Mic, w/ 80's theme, 8 p.m., MSC, free

Friday, Sept. 26
>American Veterans Traveling Tribute, Vietnam Wall Replica, Carson Park, Eau Claire, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
>University Rec Fall Golf Scramble, 3 p.m., Menomonie Golf & Country Club, $7 students/$10 faculty & staff/ $5
>National Pony Pull, 5 p.m., Dunn Co. Fairgrounds
>Un1on, rap/hip hop band, 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, free

Saturday, Sept. 27
>American Veterans Traveling Tribute, Vietnam Wall Replica, Carson Park, Eau Claire, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
>Open House, The Creamery Gift Shop, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
>National Pony Pull, noon, Dunn Co. Fairgrounds
>Meet & Greet Reception, MOSAIC visual arts celebration, 6 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater
>Football St. Thomas v.s. UW-Stout, 7 p.m., Williams Stadium, free to students
>The Sheng Duo, classical pianists, 8 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre, $11 adults, $9 seniors and students

Sunday, Sept. 28
>American Veterans Traveling Tribute, Vietnam Wall Replica, Carson Park, Eau Claire, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
>National Pony Pull, noon, Dunn Co. Fairgrounds
>The Jail Bailers, 2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $10

Monday, Sept. 29
>Tennis Hamline University v.s. UW-Stout, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30
>Soccer UW-Stevens Point v.s. UW-Stout, 7 p.m., Nelson Field

Wednesday, Oct. 1
>Course Delivery System Forum, 2:30 p.m. MSC Ballroom C
>Sainte Catherines, 8 p.m., MSC, free

Thursday, Oct. 2
>Course Delivery System Forum, 10:30 a.m. MSC Ballroom C

Have anything to add to the Campus Calander? Send suggestions to Tim @ Stoutonia or solfestt@uwstout.edu

A Family Affair



Courtesy of, The official Clayton Miller Blues band website

The Clayton Miller Blues Band, out of Lafayette, Ind., formed in 1999 and has performed at UW-Stout multiple times. The quartet is most known for its harmonica player, ten-year-old L.D. Miller. The Millers are Left to Right: Clayton (guitar), Cole (drums), L.D., (harmonica) and Larry (bass).

Jaime VandenHoogen

How many bands consist entirely of family members? The Clayton Miller Blues Band does. On Wednesday, Sept. 17, this family quartet performed at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

A band named Bohookie Jacobs was the opening act for this concert. This band showed off its talent by performing songs such as "Milwaukee Man," "One More Summer" and Steppenwolf's "Magic Carpet Ride." Bahookie Jacobs is led by singer and guitarist Brian Legg.

After Bahookie Jacobs finished its performance, it was time for the Clayton Miller Blues Band to take the stage. In just the first few seconds the audience was listening to a ten-year-old playing the harmonica as though he had been playing all of his life.

The band, from Lafayette, Ind., consists of Clayton, 21; Cole, 17; L.D., 10; and their dad, Larry. The band formed in 1999 when Clayton left an alternative band that he had led since he was 15. They started playing small gigs when the youngest member, L.D., was only six years old.

There is no denying that L.D. plays the harmonica like most professional musicians do after years of practice.

"I asked my dad to buy me a harmonica and he did," said L.D. "The next day I got off the school bus and just started playing."

Many would think that traveling and performing in front of an audience would be difficult for a ten-year-old. L.D. said that when he performs he just feels like a kid; he's hyper all the time. L.D. also said that he never gets nervous before a performance, and he loves everything about music.

All three of the brothers take turns singing. Cole, the drummer, has vocal skills that are more developed than most at his age, and Clayton plays the guitar just as well as his youngest brother plays the harmonica. These three brothers definitely have talent that most people only dream about.

The quartet enjoyed playing at UW-Stout and is looking forward to performing here in the future.

"It's up to the school, but if they let us, yes," said L.D. "We love it here."

Battle of the buffets: best of the best



FEED MY BELLY
Paige Klein

So you are really hungry. For a mere $9 or less you can participate in one of the most gluttonous concepts in the restaurant business: the buffet. Now you aren't craving just any ol' buffet; you want Chinese. Naturally, two local buffets spring to mind: China Buffet and Kingdom Buffet.

One has to now make a decision. The choice can be hard for some. Hopefully, this breakdown can assist in future resolutions.

In a random poll of 25 University of Wisconsin-Stout students, 20 opted for China Buffet despite the higher price and distance from campus. Even when they were informed of the student discount offered at Kingdom Buffet, all 20 stood firm on their choice.



by Jen Jech, The Stoutonia

Menomonie is home to two Chinese buffet-style restaurants, each on opposite ends of town. Which one ranks higher to UW-Stout students?

"It has more variety," replied Adam Grams, a senior in telecommunications. "I would definitely go to China before I would step into Kingdom."

There were other minor differences that some students picked up on.

"Kingdom is great," said Rose Modrynski, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "It is a place that all of my friends and I could hang out at and eat all the food we wanted."

Seating capacity and turnover of food are also details that students pick up on.

"China seems more spacious," said Kris Carlson, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "I also like the fact that China seems a bit busier. That means that the food doesn't sit out under the heat lamps for long periods of time. The quicker people eat food, the quicker they have to replace it."

On paper, in black and white, it would seem that Kingdom should win the battle of the buffets. But, in overall comparison, China has made the best impression. Like they say in market-

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by Jen Jech, The Stoutonia

The Shuttle Bus was designed with students in mind by UW-Stout alum, Randy Kabes. He recognized the need for a public transportation system for students to increase nighttime safety as well as offer a means of mobility to students who do not have vehicles on campus. Kabes recently purchased another bus to expand his current bus route.

Shuttle bus expansion adds more convenience, safety for students

Janelle Klander

Last November the bus made its first trip around town and has been a success ever since.

Many University of Wisconsin-Stout students have only heard stories of the bus traveling the streets of Menomonie, while others have had the experience of riding it safely home.

Randy Kabes started what he calls the Shuttle Bus, but is commonly known to UW-Stout students as the "drunk bus."

Kabes, a 1997 UW-Stout graduate, has seen the need for late night transportation in and around Menomonie for a long time.

"I talked to the bars in town about it, but they weren't interested," said Kabes.

He took it upon himself to purchase a bus from Menomonie Transportation, Inc., paint it red and the rest is history.

"The drunk bus is safe," says Krista Passow, a junior in international business. "There's less of a tendency to drive home drunk."

Most students that are of drinking age live off campus, which for some is quite a distance from the downtown establishments. This creates a problem for students who have spent the evening in the bars. Not to mention the parking ticket that will likely appear on the windshields of vehicles left overnight on the city streets or in private lots.

"It's great, especially if you live far away from campus," said Sarah Langfeld, a junior in hospitality and tourism.

In fact, the bus has been so successful it motivated Kabes to purchase another.

"I think [purchasing a second bus] was a good idea," said Jessica Redli, a senior majoring in business. "Sometimes I've had to wait forty-five minutes [for the bus to come]."

While Kabes isn't sure when his new bus will make its first run, he plans on it being more than a "drunk bus."

"We're expanding for the students' needs in the future," said Kabes.

The shuttle runs may even start earlier in the day to transport students to grocery stores and to run other types of errands. Since most freshmen weren't able to bring their cars to school because of the lack of parking lot permits, this may be good news to such students.

"It's the best thing since sliced bread," said Chris Berens, a sophomore majoring in business.

The bus currently travels as far north as the Pioneer Bar and Grill, although it may go farther if special arrangements are made. The service is convenient and was created to serve college students.

The cost is $3 for one-way travel and $5 for all night transportation. Students can call 715-505-0868 for a safe ride home.

Buffet / Chinese food compared

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ing class, people will be more willing to travel and pay more for a quality experience.

My vote: Jury is still out. Being a poor college student, every penny counts. Gas prices are outrageous and my legs aren't broken. But, I can't deny that quality rules out everything else. It's all about the experience.

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Compiled by Glenn Hintze

"Daddy Day Care" - Starring Eddie Murphy
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"Holes" – Starring Sigourney Weaver
We all read the book in grade school, and the big screen adaptation retains all the magic. Solid performances all around make this more than an entertaining kid's movie; it's endearing to all. Take a step back to third grade, and rent "Holes."

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"Underworld" plot is under par



MOVIE REVIEW
Glenn Hintze

Take two parts "The Matrix," combine with one part "Romeo & Juliet," shake vigorously and add a unique twist. It's the recipe that cooked up a $21 million opening weekend for "Underworld," but how does it stand up to the taste test?

The twist is the key ingredient to this recipe. We've already seen a modern interpretation of William Shakespeare's classic tragedy (1997's "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet"), but this time, the Capulets are an opulent group of vampires, and the Montagues a roving band of werewolves.

For centuries, these two tribes have been violently locked in an epic war, somehow unbeknownst to all normal humans. One lucky human, Michael (Scott Speedman), gets caught up in the middle of all this mess when the werewolf scientist discovers special properties in his human blood that enables him to be bitten by both a vampire and a werewolf. Instead of dying, he becomes a super-powerful hybrid. Confused yet? It gets better!

When vampire warrior

"What's next, a sequel entitled 'Underworld: Reloaded?'"

Selene (Kate Beckinsale) discovers that the werewolves are after this human, she runs off to save the day, and ends up falling in love with Michael. We never know why they fall in love, just its necessity in the plot. Beckinsale and Speedman have no on-screen chemistry, and very little time is spent developing either character or the romance between them. It could be the weakness of the script or simply the main cast's general inability to act.

Through the contrived love the action never pauses, as the plot progresses it attempts to twist and turn, showing that things aren't always as they seem.

Plot twists have become an overused dynamic in movies and only work when they're thought out and done well. The twists in "Underworld" are neither. Some betrayals are too contrived and obvious from nearly the opening scene, and others worked out so poorly that no one but the writer himself really knows what's intended.

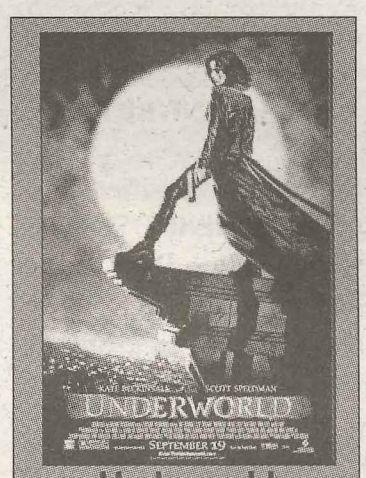
By the end of the film, holes gape open so widely that no one is talking about how the film was; everyone is trying to figure out what just happened.

Where "Underworld" succeeds is the action sequences. Fabulous gun-fights are coupled with dank and dark sets, adding more to the noir feel of the movie. The metamorphosis between man and werewolf is handled with some graceful special effects. However, the success of these sequences is not due to the hard work of the producers of this film but an ode to a job well done by the makers of "The Matrix."

Bullet time is three-year-old news, and when you can see it in an everyday television commercial, it ceases to be impressive on the big screen. It seems that even the wardrobe is borrowed from "The Matrix," with Kate Beckinsale wearing some Trinity-worthy leather outfits. Even many of the sound effects and sets were eerily similar to scenes in "The Matrix." What's next, a sequel entitled "Underworld: Reloaded?"

Somehow, and I do wish I knew how, throughout all the plot mess and blatant fabrication, the movie manages to remain interesting and enjoyable. It's a must for all action fans, but will let down anyone looking for depth in the story. I personally feel it would be more suited as a novel or graphic novel, as I was more intrigued by the epic battles of the ancient war that were barely explained during the movie.

I'll say see it, but don't examine it. Enjoy the leather outfits and special effects, and forget the plot.



Underworld
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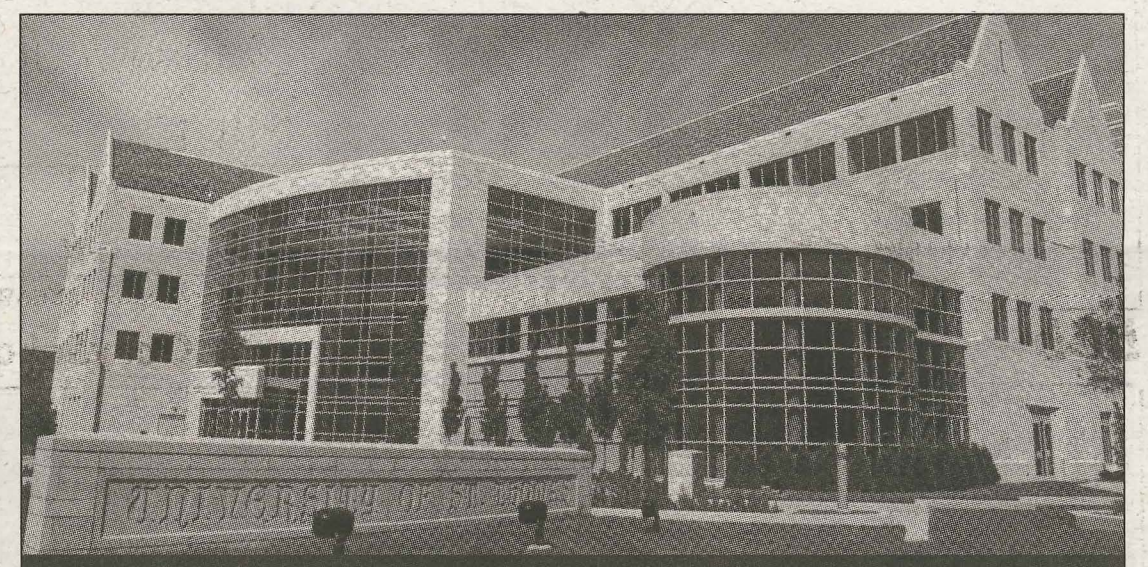
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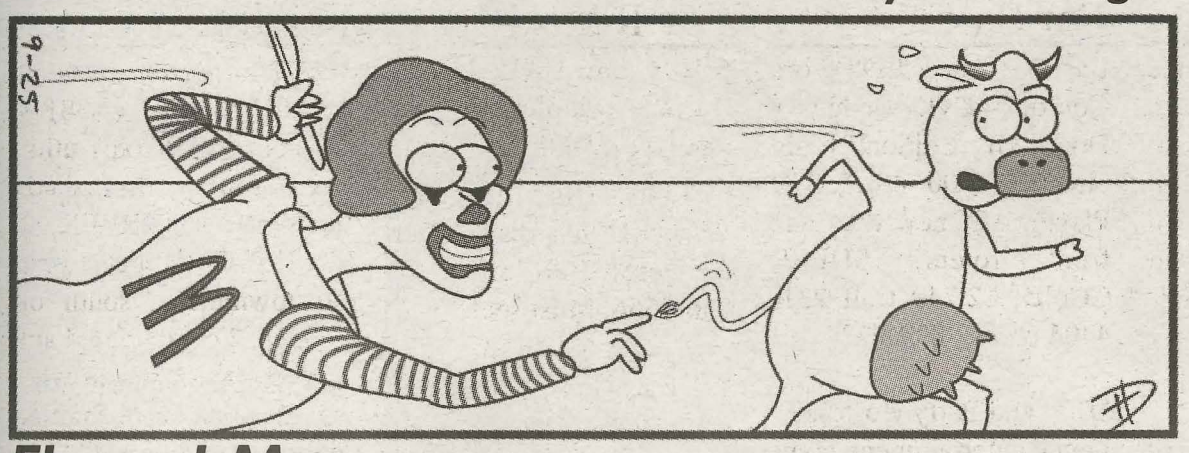
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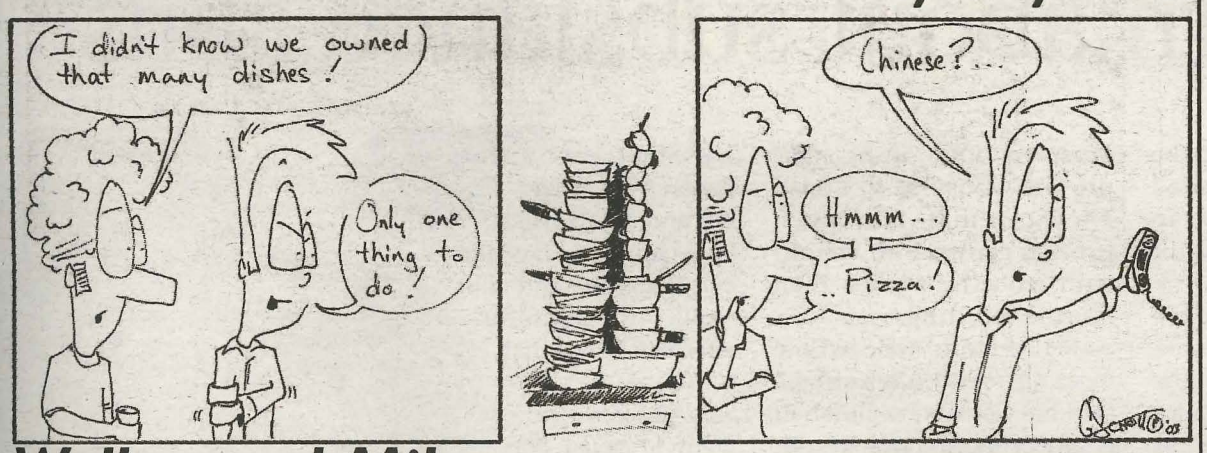
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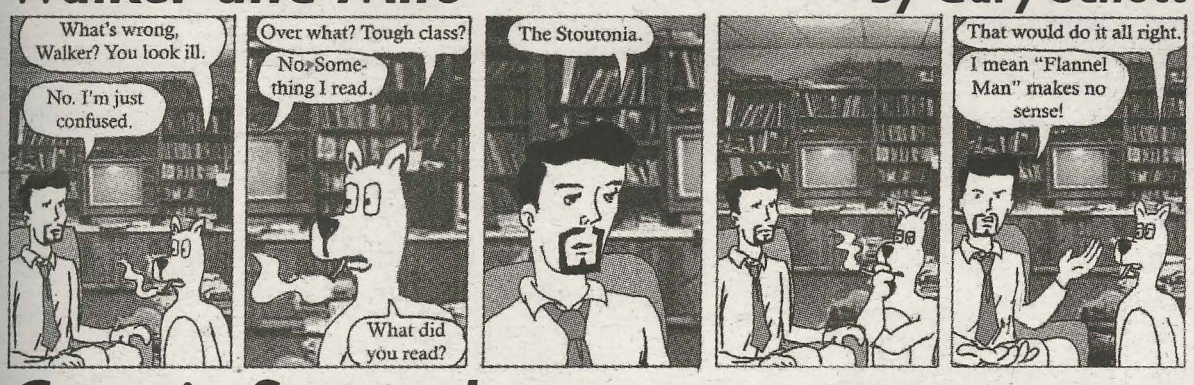
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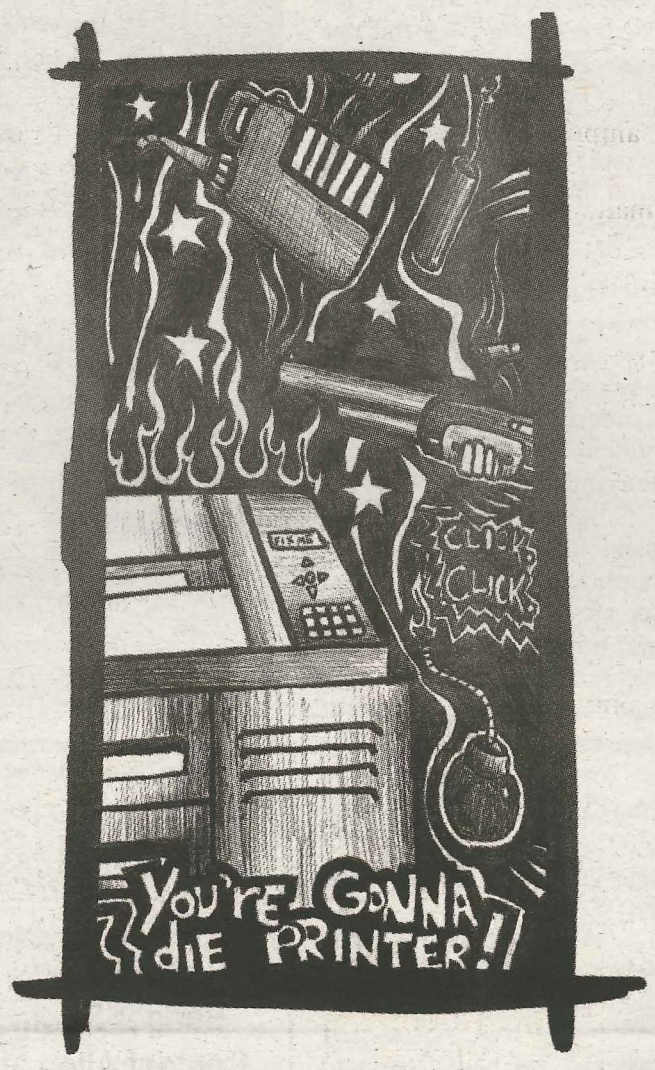
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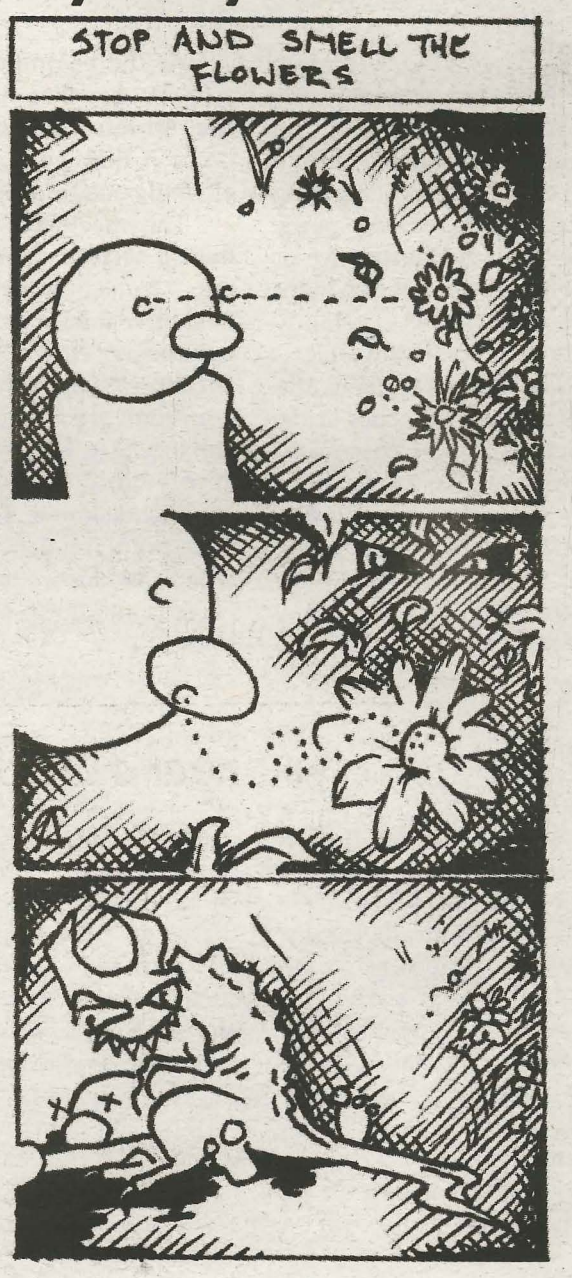
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Soccer starts season off strong

Ryan Wessley

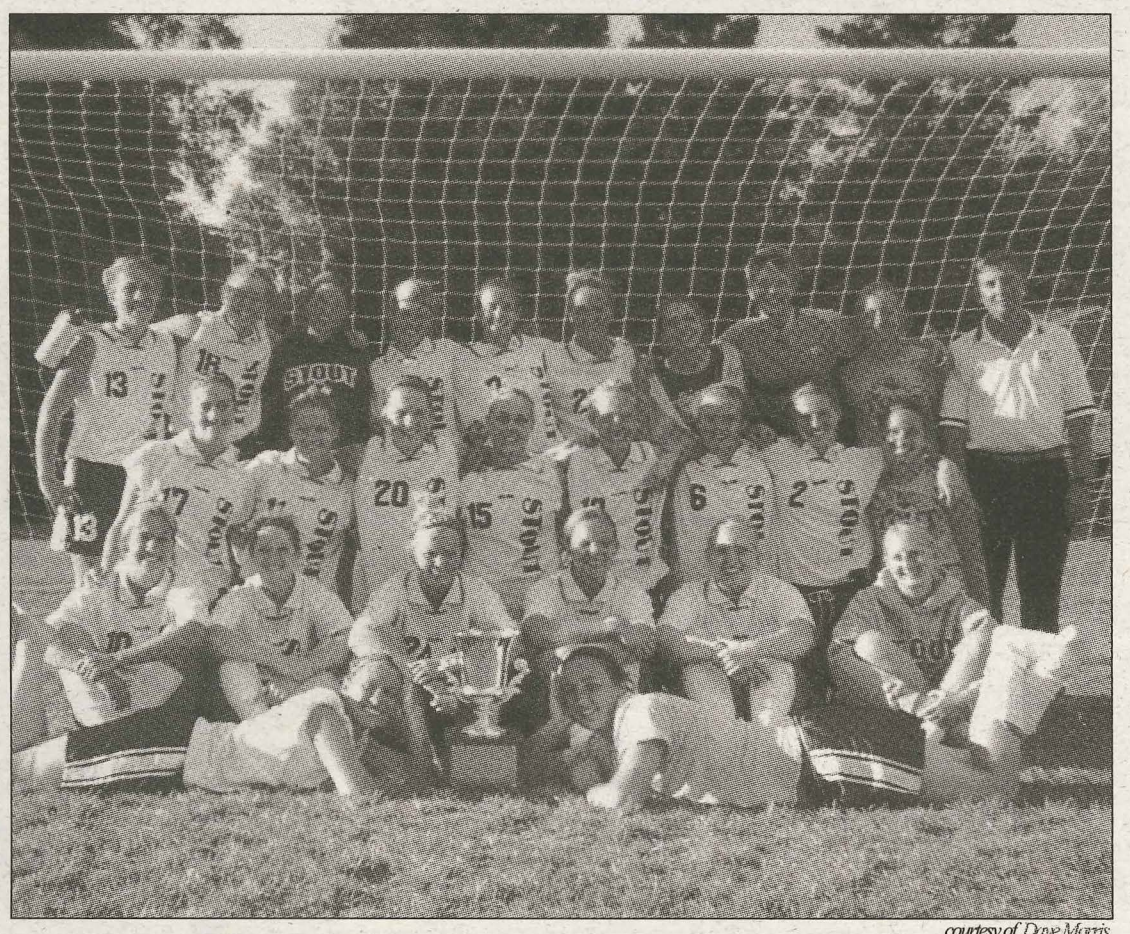
The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils women's soccer team is off to a great season. After finishing last season 7-5-5, this season's outlook is much higher. This past Labor Day weekend, the Blue Devils swept the competition and won the Advantage Emblem Cup Tournament.

So far this year the soccer team has a record of 5-2 since the season started August 29. The women's soccer team has only been in the WIAC Conference for nine years and are the youngest team in the conference.

"We have a really strong team this year, and we are hoping to go pretty far; so far we are 2-1 in the conference and hope to make the record better as the season goes on," said Sarah Geiger, a senior in business administration.

With 14 returning players, 13 freshmen and sophomores, the team brings both experience and youth to the soccer field.

"At the beginning of the season we made it clear that the team was out to win the conference this season and believed we had a team to win it all," said Kristy Symons, a junior in vocational rehabilitation.



courtesy of, Dave Morris

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team has started a strong season. With a devoted team and experienced coach, the women will be competing against the UW-Stevens Point on Sept. 30.

The team is anticipating a very successful season and hopes they can become as good of a team as their potential.

Last season, the Blue Devils finished 6th in the conference and have made conference playoffs the last four years. To be eligable for playoffs, teams must finish in the top four of the conference.

The coach for the Blue Devils is Dave Morris; Morris came to UW-Stout to coach the team five years ago.

Morris came from Frostburg State where he was the men's soccer coach for two of his fifteen years. In his five years at UW-Stout, coach Morris has a record of 36-37-6. Since 1999 in the WIAC, Morris has a record of 17-13-4.

During the course of a season, teams play a maximum of 20 games. Depending on the season, the number of games can change.

Fans are encouraged to attend the Blue Devils soccer games, both home and away.

Fans interested in watching the women's soccer team can head down to Nelson Field, located behind Don & Nona Williams Stadium.

Most games are played at night, so students and the UW-Stout community can hopefully find some evening free-time to cheer on the UW-Stout women's soccer team.

"We have some huge home games coming up this season, and the outcome of the games will tell our team where we stand as a squad: we have a deep bench which will help our team throughout the season," said Diane Ehlen, a senior majoring in interior design.

The next home game is Tuesday, Sept. 30, against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at 7:00 p.m.

Freshmen learn about substance abuse

Wesley Simonis

Athletes depend on strength, endurance and a proper mind set when giving their all while playing sports. Whether it is just practice or an all-out competition, athletes need to be constantly energized to perform well.

The new freshmen athletes and their coaches at the University of Wisconsin-Stout were given a chance to learn how alcohol and other substances can alter performance. Attendees were also taught that caoches may sideline players if they are caught using substances during the season.

The meeting was held on Sept. 16, and all freshmen athletes were required to attend.

"The NCAA provides grant dollars for schools who want to inform their new athletes of substance policies," said Jane Foos of Red Cedar Medical Center.

Foos was the main speaker of the evening. She told students how alcohol and other substances can have an adverse affect on their ability, on and off the field.

At the beginning of the season, coaches informed the athletes of what can occur if they get caught for alcohol consumption.

The meeting was more than a lecture about drinking. It also informed the freshmen about performance enhancing drugs such as Creatin. Many athletes are tempted to use these enhancers to boost performance, build muscle and lengthen stamina. The freshmen were made aware of what substances are legal by NCAA standards and what is illegal.

Creatine is a very common substance for young athletes to take. People have claimed that Creatine users are more susceptible to cramps, muscle spasms and even pulled muscles, however, no studies have proven that it is unhealthy. Unfortunately, Creatine is such a new substance that any short term and long term effects have yet to be learned.

Another way athletes try to get ahead is by using protein. Protein is dubbed a more natural and safer way to build muscle. One thing that protein users should know is that too much protein can lead to weight gain from fat rather than muscle building.

"I found the whole meeting pretty interesting," said Joe Cook, a freshman in engineering technology. "It was interesting to hear about the effects of substances such as Creatin."

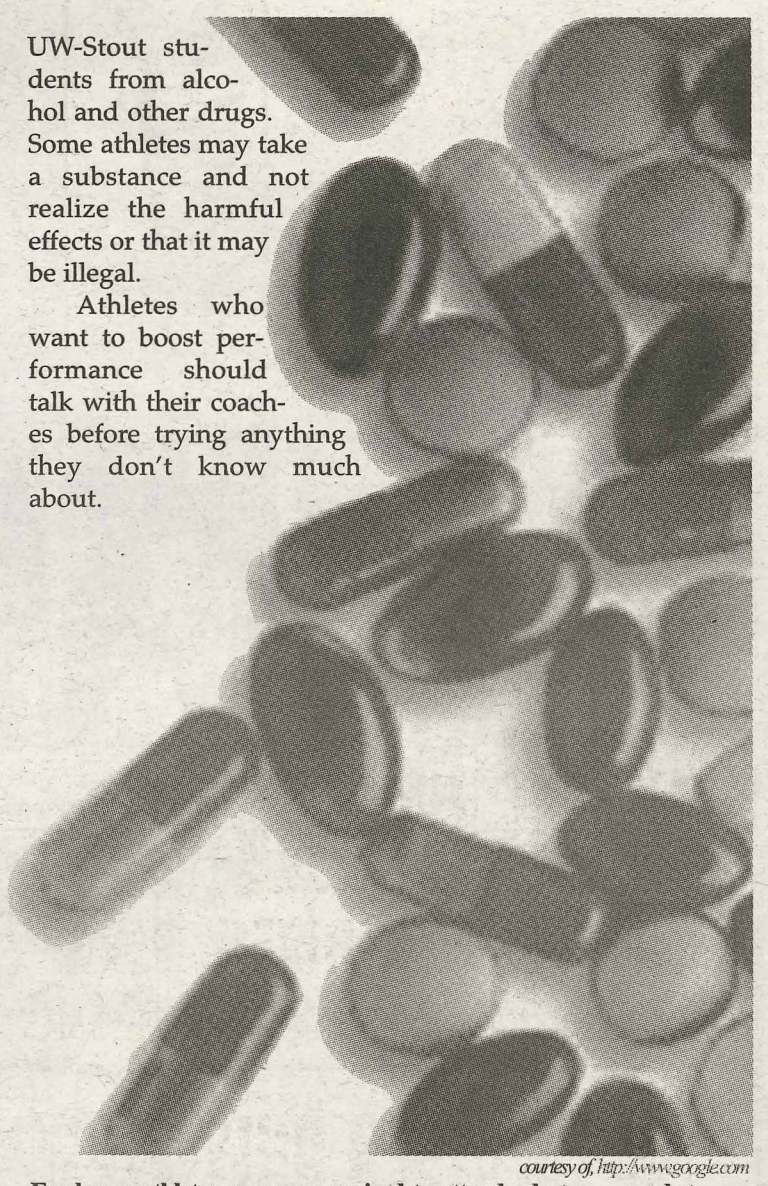
Cook is a member of the UW-Stout track and field team. He felt that the meeting was very important for freshmen.

"Having things like this is a good idea," said Jim Trudeau, a freshman in pre-architecture. "It keeps the teams informed."

Trudeau is also a UW-Stout cross country runner. High endurance positions such as cross-country, football and soccer have a higher tendency for misuse of illegal or even legal substances.

The purpose of having this meeting is to protect UW-Stout students from alcohol and other drugs. Some athletes may take a substance and not realize the harmful effects or that it may be illegal.

Athletes who want to boost performance should talk with their coaches before trying anything they don't know much about.



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Freshmen athletes are now required to attend a lecture on substances and sports. The presenter was Jane Foos, a local dietition.

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Reviewing the week in sports

Ryan Wessley

Volleyball

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh handed the University of Wisconsin-Stout its second consecutive three-game loss as the Titans defeated the Blue Devils, 30-22, 30-27, 30-20, Saturday, Sept. 20 in a WIAC contest at Johnson Field house. The Blue Devils (8-7, 0-2 WIAC) take the non-conference route this week when they host Northwestern College, Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. Then they head to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Invitational, Sept. 26-27.

Women's Cross Country

UW-Stout's Tracy Oostdyk and Krista Jahimiak both had outstanding finishes by placing in the top 40 of 280 finishers at the St. Olaf Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 20 at Northfield, Minn. UW-Stout is off this weekend and will co-host the Midwest Long/Short Course, Friday, Oct. 3 at Whitetail Golf Club.

Women's Tennis

The UW-Stout women's tennis team broke a six year conference drought by defeating UW-Stevens Point, 6-3, Saturday, Sept. 20 in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) contest in Menomonie. The Blue Devil's (1-3, 1-2) opened up by winning all three doubles matches, then snagged three of the six singles matches. Upcoming women's tennis games are Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m. hosting UW-River Falls and Monday, Sept. 29 at 3:30 p.m. hosting Hemline University.

Football

UW-Stout came out on the short end of a shootout with NCAA Division II Augustana College, as the Vikings handed the Blue Devils a 37-20 loss in Sioux Falls, Saturday, Sept. 20. UW-Stout lost three fumbles and quarterback Nick Ohman was picked off once. The Augies, in turn, did not cough the ball up at all. UW-Stout gave Augustana a short field much of the day, allowing good yardage on kickoff returns.

Augustana returned four kicks for 127 total yards, while UW-Stout returned the same number of kicks for 36 yards. The Blue Devils won the battle of statistics, out gaining the Vikings 367 yards to 297 yards. UW-Stout had 20 more plays as they rolled up 164 yards rushing and 203 yards passing. Augustana had 136 yards rushing and 161 yards passing. The game was controversial; since UW-Stout batteled a Division II opponent. UW-Stout will host St. Thomas on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the annual Hall of Fame game.

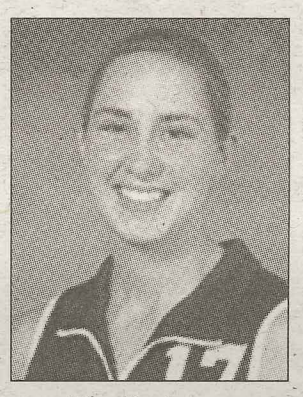
Women's Soccer

Amongst a battle of soccer teams unbeaten in conference play, UW-Whitewater came out on top, 2-1, Sunday, Sept. 21 in Whitewater against UW-Stout. The Warhawks' Stephanie Gaal scored once in each to clinch the win for Whitewater. Gaal scored in the 33rd minute, then scored again five minutes into the second half. UW-Stout tightened the score in the 64th minute on a goal by Shannon Hermes, her seventh goal of the season.

Hermes took a long pass from Kristy Symons, took a couple of dribbles and scored. The Blue Devils' Carrie Schrank just barely missed a potential game tying shot from 20 yards out late in the game. UW-Stout will be at Upper Iowa, Saturday, Sept. 27.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Gretchen Schroer



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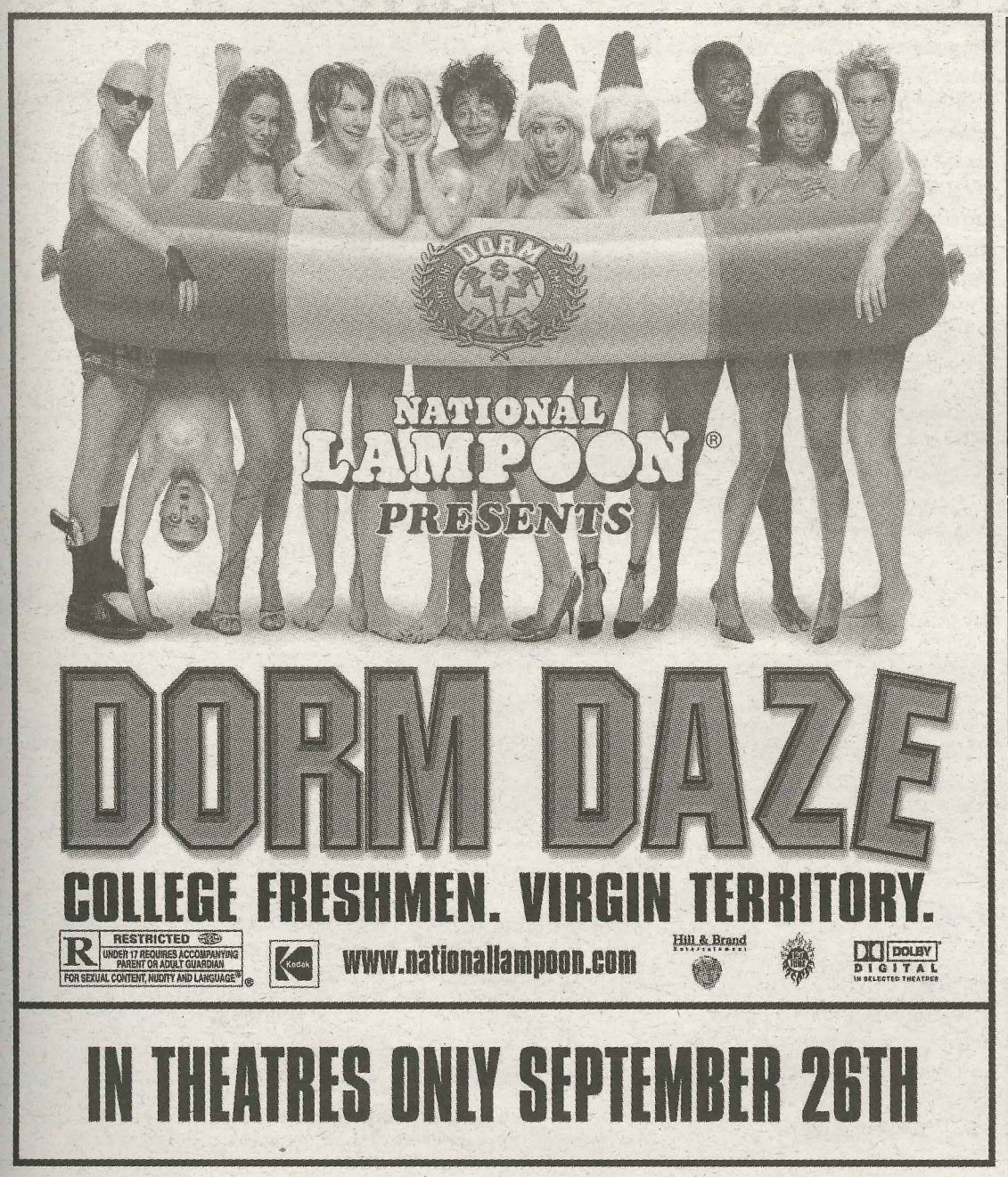
Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

On Sept. 23, Gretchen Schroer scored seventeen points in kills during a volleyball game against Northwestern College at the Johnson Fieldhouse.

Last year Schroer played in 123 games and all 37 matches. Schroer's career best was fifteen kills vs. the University of Wisconsin-Superior. She finished the season with double digit kills in three of the last four matches. She was third on the team in digs (359) and achieved her career-best digs (nineteen) vs. the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

In 2001, Schroer played in thirteen matches and recorded a collegiate-high of eight kills vs. Finlandia. She also received the Blue Devil award.



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On Saturday Sept. 20, Menomonie Wis., hosted a world-qualifying triathalon. The top six placers for each event qualify for the World Championship in Queenstown, New Zealand. The competition consisted of a 1500 kilometer swim followed by a 40 kilometer bike ride and concluded with a 10 kilometer run.

World class event in small town

Lara Monk
Joel Shaw

Waking up to a 64-degree bath in Lake Menomin at 8 a.m. may not be everyone's idea of a pick-me-up, but for 380 triathletes, representing 30 states, it was an event they had been training towards for a long time – possibly for their entire lives.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the USA World Qualifying Triathlon was conducted on the shores of Lake Menomin and on the streets of Menomonie, Wis.

Menomonie was chosen for the triathlon site after the Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau bid on the event.

"Menomonie was chosen over Nevada because the organizers wanted to move the event further east," said Joel Everts, Sport Sales Manager of the Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The convention bureau's plan is to bid on a national event in 2005-2006 for Menomonie. That event is quite a bit bigger, about 1100 to 1300 racers."

These 380 athletes competed in the last world qualifying triathlon, consisting of a 1500km (.9 mi.) swim, 40k (24 mi.) bike and 10k (6.2 mi.) run. The event is qualifying the top six athletes, per age group, for the ITU Triathlon World Championship in Queenstown, New Zealand, December 6-7. Slots will be passed down to 15th place in each age group.

"This is the hardest course in the country because of the constant hills," said Nick McCulloch, a junior in telecommunications. "I'm lucky enough to live here in Menomonie where I could train on the very hills that the course ran."

From the youngest participant, 20, to the oldest, 71, there were 12 different waves or age groups. The oldest participants, Molly Hayes and Ruth Hertzberg, were the only two athletes in their wave. The time of their races will go up against others in their wave from previous world qualifying triathlons.

Lindsay Noah, age 35, a four-time triathlete and singer-songwriter from Minneapolis, Minn. trains 15 hours a week, mostly practicing swimming and running. She said her approach to this race was more of a celebration. She was trying to turn her nervous energy into a positive emotion.

After the race, Noah was pleased with her performance overall. Some of the hills in the bike event scared her though.

"Okay, this is where I'm going to die," Noah said during the descent.

From New York City, Conor Murphy, age 36, joined the race. Murphy has been racing for two years and first learned to swim just two years ago!

"I think it's a very challenging race with some good competitors in it, so, it's gonna be tough," said Murphy.

McCulloch has been competing in triathlons for two years. He spends most of his time training for the bike event. Participating in road races such as the Tour de France and training three to four hours a day has gotten him where he is today.

"This was the fastest race of my life, but I was definitely out classed," said McCulloch. "But I left everything on the course."

Overall, spectators and triathletes commented that the event was well organized and a huge success. The entire community - police, EMTs, restaurants, the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors, volunteers - pulled together in order for this significant event to run smoothly. This event was expected to bring in thousands of "tourism dollars" to the Chippewa area.

"The economic impact is projected at $162,000," said Everts, prior to the event.

Win or lose, the USA Triathlon brought together the nation's ultimate athletes for two days, challenging each individual to push through the tears, sweat and pain that they might go on to celebrate their accomplishment at the finish line.

"I can't be disappointed," said McCulloch. "I felt like a champion."

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SSA seeks to involve more students

Chelsea Rickert

This year will be a busy one for the officers of the Stout Student Association (SSA). Every year, SSA sets goals for the end of the year.

This year, SSA hopes to enhance it's intranet with the help of it's new webmaster, Adam Wheeler. Wheeler was hired for the summer and is continuing his internship until someone else fills the position.

SSA will be automating the off-campus housing list, a service they provide that lists area landlords and houses available for students who wish to live off campus. With a few new developments, landlords will be able to add to the listing on their own. SSA hopes to automate other portions of the website soon, including the campus organization budget and recognition processes.

"[The process of organization] will be a lot smoother with automation," said David Hay, president of SSA.

The association also hopes to launch a review of the university evaluation process where students fill out professor evaluations at the end of each semester.

"We are looking to review how we conduct the whole process," Hay said. "We want to work with faculty and staff of administration to smooth it out."

SSA's goal for the evaluation process is to survey teaching styles of University of Wisconsin-Stout professors.

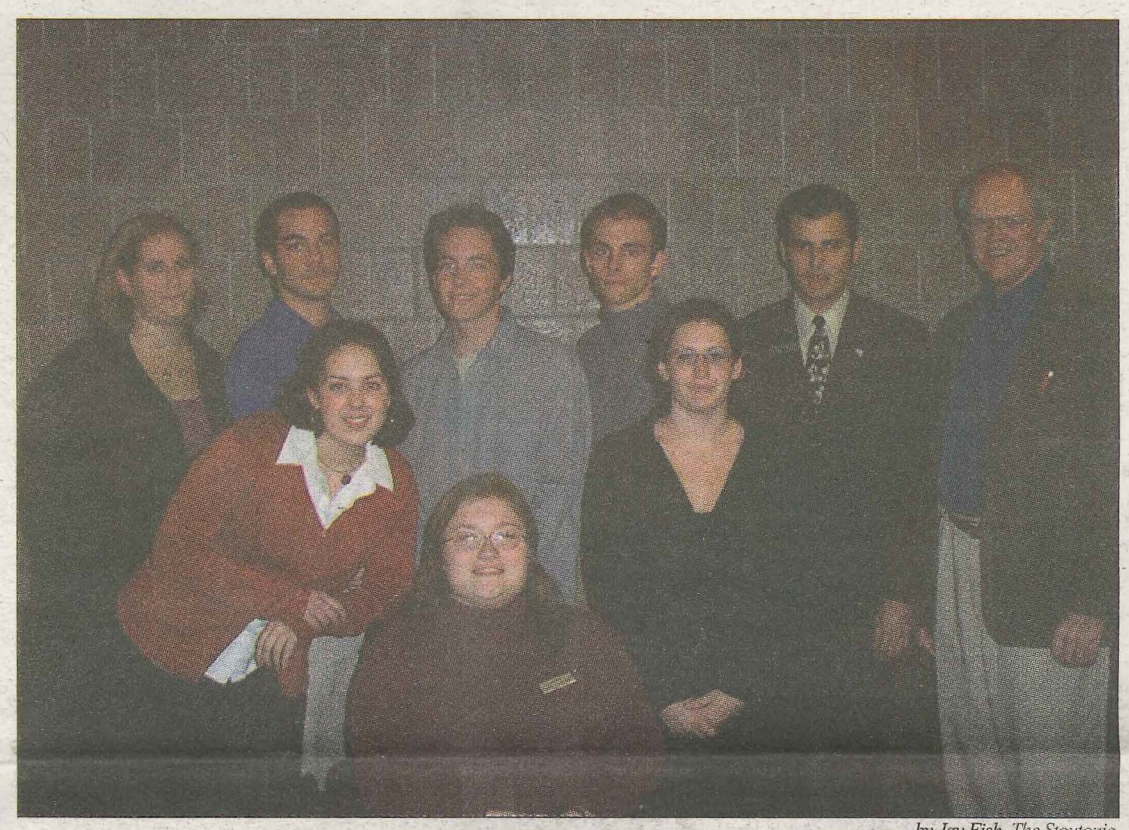
Part of SSA's role as the UW-Stout student government is to increase voter turnout for the 2004 presidential and SSA elections. They will be using E-scholar to make more information available to students.

"We are going to post unbiased information on the Internet about candidates so that students are not only able to vote but also make intelligent decisions on who they're voting for," said Kim Monaghan, SSA director of legislative affairs .

According to Monaghan, SSA plans on using other methods to raise awareness about elections, including posters, mailings and pamphlets so that students will know without a doubt that the elections are going on.

"[Making information available to students] is important because when you're electing a representative, that person represents your views and choices," Monaghan said. By going out and voting, you're saying, 'These are the views that I represent and that's why I want that person in office.'"

SSA travels to Madison throughout the year to meet with legislators and discuss budget cuts that will impact college students.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The 2003-2004 Stout Student Association (SSA) directors are Trista Glover, Chris LaConte, Adam Wheeler, Ian DeGraff, Dave Hay, Kim Monaghan, Jessica Wille and Julie Derks. SSA's advisor is Pinckney Hall (right).

Also, SSA plans to discuss the Day of Silence with legislators, a day when lesbian, gay and transgendered students remain silent to bring attention to discrimination they face every day.

"We passed our own resolution encouraging our own representatives about this," Monaghan said. "Hopefully we'll get opportunity to talk about this."

Hay said, "In addition to that we'll let them know our position on any new bills in the house or the senate."

Each SSA director has outlined goals with their committee and is working to enhance the campus from their own distinct perspective.

SSA hopes to boost student participation in the Menomonie City Council.

"[The] relationship between students and city council isn't as strong as it could be," Monaghan said. SSA is trying to make sure there are at least two students at every council meeting.

"Through open discussion we can start to build a strong relationship," Monaghan said. "[It] is important because we live here, and we make up a huge portion of the city of Menomonie's population. If they're not keeping our interests in mind when they make decisions, it doesn't make sense. A lot of us are from different places, but this is where we live and this is our home."

In short, Dave Hay believes SSA is a group of students who are "working to improve UW-Stout by enhancing student life."

Cultural diversity on UW-Stout campus difficult to achieve

Joel Shaw

In 1998, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents mandated Plan 2008, a program requiring all UW System campuses to develop their own 10-year plans to strive for and maintain cultural diversity on their campuses.

University of Wisconsin-Stout's Plan 2008 was released on May 20, 1998. Phase one of the plan has achieved limited success and is further complicated by the Michigan case (Bakke v. Bollinger) heard before the U.S. Supreme Court this past summer.

UW-Stout received funding from UW-Stout Foundation, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, UW-Stout Multicultural Services, U.S Department of Education, federal grants and the private sector. The budget planning target for the program designed to recruit and retain specifically identified groups of minority and disadvantaged students for 2003-2004 is $318,839, as of March 27, 2003.

According to the Strategic Planning Six-Month Progress Report 2002-2003, minority student applications increased by 42 percent in Fall 2002. Multicultural enrollment increased to 333 in Fall 2002 from 288 in Fall 2001. Fall 2003 is a different story.

Cynthia Gilberts, executive director of Enrollment Services, would like to see a more diverse student body and says the university is working very hard to achieve that.

"As far as the final numbers for this fall 2003, we were substantially down over the previous year and not just minority applications but acceptances this year, and I'm not sure what that means," Gilberts said. "Just over five percent of our total enrollment is multicultural students."

UW-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen said that the campus had been hovering at its present level for at least 30 years.

"It's an on-going struggle with us," Sorenson said. "We have plans in place; we're spending money on it; we have committed people to it ,and because we believe pretty fundamentally that when you leave here and go into the workplace, you'll deal with a diverse population."

Rodney Dukes is an African American student at UW-Stout and a junior majoring in technical communication. Dukes is not surprised by the low numbers of minorities attending UW-Stout, nor discouraged. He said that a university can attract minorities, but they won't stay unless they are comfortable and involved in a program unique to the university.

"I don't feel that there's a need to increase the number of minorities on the campus for the sake of the few minorities that go here to be happy because our country is predominantly white, Caucasian, so if you can't learn to deal with it in this environment, positive or negative, you won't be able to make it anywhere," Dukes said.

Plan 2008 provided for increasing the number of faculty, academic staff, classified staff and administrators of color. According to the affir-

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Weekend Weather

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mative action plan Nov. 1, 2002 - Oct. 31, 2003, there were two new minority hires for the instructional academic staff and six new faculty hires from 2001 to Jan. 4, 2003.

Director of Multicultural Student Services, Mary Riordan said the report on Phase I has not been submitted to the Board of Regents, and Phase II is on hold as of Aug. 14, 2003, pending review by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and the System General Counsel.

They are determining how much the plan is affected by the Supreme Court ruling on the Michigan (Grutter v. Bollinger) case.

"It definitely had to do with the Michigan (U.S.) Supreme Court decision, because before anything went forward and was approved by system and such, we wanted to make sure we were on firm ground. I don't know quite why. Someone the other day had suggested there might be another piece to it," said Donna Weber, assistant to the Chancellor for Affirmative Action.

One of the documents used to construct the framework of Plan 2008 is "The Compelling Need for Diversity in Higher Education," University of Michigan, January 1999, pages 1 and 2. This is an expert report prepared for the U.S. District Court by University of Michigan scholars in defense of the university's admissions policies.

The focus of the Grutter case was not whether mandated diversity was justified; however, arguments were presented regarding the issue.

The Michigan scholars said their document displayed the results of three empirical analyses showing a "positive relationship between diversity in higher education and both learning and democracy outcomes."

The National Association of Scholars (NAS) submitted a brief for Amicus Curiae (a professional person or organization advising the court in some matter) on behalf of Grutter.

NAS pointed out that the "principal study" (Michigan's) used by the defense in the Grutter case "wholly fails to support the claim that racial diversity of a student body yields educational benefits that constitute a compelling governmental interest."

NAS argued that the Michigan study did not measure whether racial diversity led to any educational benefits. Moreover, the theory supporting the rationale that students from various racial and ethnic backgrounds "have experiences and perspectives of more importance" has not been accepted by the court in previous decisions.

"Students educated in diverse settings are more motivated and better able to understand and consider multiple perspectives...in pursuit of the common good," the Michigan scholars said.

They said the results of three empirical analyses revealed a "positive relationship between diversity in higher education and both learning and democracy outcomes."

The petitioners (Grutter) offered five additional bodies of evidence to the contrary. Not only was there no consensus, argued the petitioners, but the premise that students from ethnic and racial groups with a history of discrimination have experiences that are "integral" to a school's goal is not legally supported.

There is agreement among the 4,000 NAS members that treating individuals as members of a racial group, rather than as individuals, has led universities to suppress open debate on controversial racial issues.

Based on the results of two nationwide surveys, the argument was made that most students oppose racial preferences.

"The issue of ethnic diversity stands out as an area where students disagree with current trends in college education," concluded The Zogby Academic Life Survey from April 2000.

The survey said 84 percent of students said that ethnic diversity on campus is important, 86 percent opposed racial preferences in admissions, choosing fairness instead. Almost all (95.7 percent) said diversity of ideas and high academic standards are more important to a quality education than achieving ethnic diversity.

The UW-Stout administration remains committed to Plan 2008 but must wait for word from system administrators before making the next move.



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Worth Hearing Once

The Glass is...

Who cares how full the glass is; it's just liquid.

If .08 of the pedestrians had their coats

What do the poor Menomonie pedestrians, the drop to .08 legal intoxication level, and the relentlessly windy weather in this town have in common?

Nothing.

Yet *the Stoutonia* staff editorial will focus on these three.

Being a pedestrian in this town can be semi-dangerous. Since when did using a crosswalk require a student to sprint? Should we be renaming these things to crossdashes?

If you sit and watch the oncoming cars as a person enters a crosswalk, you can almost see the drivers grin as their vehicles accelerate.

Maybe the drivers are upset because they had to wait for a herd of us college students as we scurry off to our classes. Waiting to get through when students are crossing from North Hall up toward Millennium Hall can take a lifetime between classes.

One thing the drivers are certain to have on their minds will be the new .08 limit. With the legal intoxication limit dropping, many are hoping tickets will be rising.

Too often students can tell a story of a drunk driving experience. This kind of behavior is not uncommon on a college campus, but it should be far less prevalent.

Odds are there will be an increase in tickets now that the limit has dropped. Drivers who knew how much they could have before will find it hard to stop before the new limit.

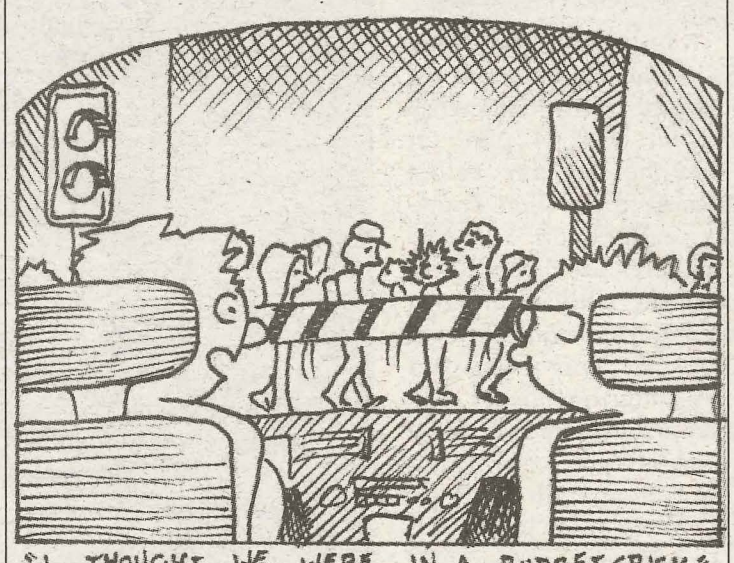
On a completely unrelated topic, the wind in this town sucks.

Aside from the Windy City of Chicago, the world would be hard pressed to find a city with more constantly blowing wind.

How does this campus not have a Kite Flying Club?

Coming Soon to the University of Wisconsin-Stout

Pedestrian Crosswalk Arms



The school song should be changed to "Let's Go Fly a Kite."

Students walking to their classes are probably wondering just where the wind is coming from. You can walk from Harvey Hall to the Library Learning Center and then to Millennium Hall and the whole time have the wind blowing in your face.

It could be that Mother Nature is just trying to remind students to bring their winter coats up early. It seems like every year in November there are freshmen running around campus wearing windbreakers.

"Hi, Mom, it's Jimmy. I was just wondering if you could mail me a coat, gloves, hat, long underwear and space heater."

Free beer makes the lodge lovely



AMBERLIGHT
Elizabeth Bailey

Free beer is waiting at The Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company. Just 30 minutes east on Hwy 29 in Chippewa Falls is one amazing experience.

My first of many trips there was well worth it and got me hooked on a new flavor, Amber Light, which I've been drinking ever since.

For all you Big Butt drinkers, its season is just around the corner. Big Butt is a Dopplebock flavor that is a malty, rich, full-bodied bock beer that is only available November through March.

The Brewery is open to the public year round and is a great trip in the cool fall to warm the soul.

Tours leave every half hour and take you through the entire process of brewing beer, from the grains to bottling for shipping.

My favorite part of the tour is when the conveyer belts of bottles that receive beer get capped and are on their way to packaging. It's quite a site and tends to make you very thirsty.

This is why they conclude the tour at the bar full of every in season flavor of Leinie's. After a few samples it's hard to resist the urge to compare all of the flavors after such an educational tour. That beautiful beer has gone through quite a process to meet high standards of flavor.

That's not all; after the tour you're back in the gift shop surrounded by every Leinie's merchandise you could ever want to give or receive. It literally has everything but the kitchen sink, which I bet they could special order for you.

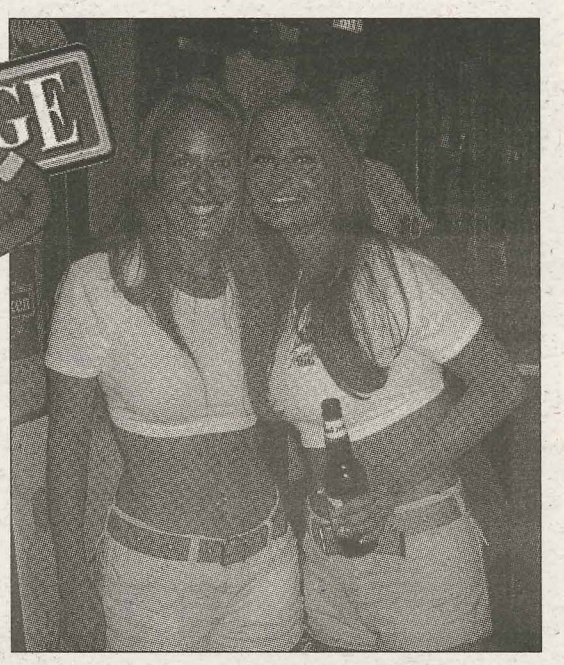
It's one of the oldest breweries in the country, dating back to 1867, which explains why it just tastes so good with all that time for perfection.

You'll know you're close when you roll down the windows and get that fresh brew aroma that fills the entire town.

Each time I visit I learn something new, and the employees seem to keep getting friendlier.

For more information visit www.leinie.com or call 715-723-5557 to book your tour today.

Keep in mind there's no limit to the number of trips you can make to the Leinenkugel's Brewery, so drink up that fresh, free beer. Head out now, and enjoy a great experience that's close to home.



courtesy, http://www.kcoougars.com/tickets/deckleinies.html

The Leinenkugel Amber Light Girls show off their stuff at a recent party at the Leinie Lodge.

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Late night homework? Goodluck.



ENDGAME
Ann Syrstad



photo illustration by Russ Bowers

I am such a night owl. If I could, I would put off doing all of my homework until at least 11 p.m. It seems that any time before 11 p.m., I can find something better to do.

There are friends to hang out with, errands to run and television to watch. Those are way more fun than doing homework. My brain just is not academically or creatively working until later at night.

I often seem to be up until late hours of the night cramming for papers or tests. To make matters worse, I often opt to not go to the library. I really should, but like I said before, I work best at night.

I love the library, but it is only open until midnight. I hate this.

One would think that with the large population of night owls on our campus, the library would be open later. I do not have my own computer, and because of the library's early close, I am often forced to set my alarm for a little earlier in the morning just so I can rush to the library to do any last-minute homework.

It would be nice if the library would at least keep the first floor open a little later. This would allow students to study in a quiet environment and also provide students with access to computers.

To answer some of my questions, I spoke with Diana Slater, the access services librarian. She told me that the main reason the library is not open later is because of the state budget cuts. This year, the library was forced to shorten Saturday hours and cut library positions.

The library staff has even done counts of the amount of students at different given times at the library. Based on these, they feel that the current hours of operation are sufficient. She sounded grateful for the hours of operation that the library currently runs under. Slater also told me that she has proposed the idea of keeping a portion of the library open later, but it was denied because parts of the library cannot be closed due to it's layout. She also stated it would be very difficult to get student employees to work the extended hours of operation.

John Finstad, a student manager at the library, seemed excited about working extended hours.

"I wouldn't mind it because I get paid more," says Finstad. He told me that as a student manager, he gets paid a $5 bonus every hour he works past 10 p.m. at the library. For that bonus, you would think that the library would have no problem finding the staff.

Maybe we should try to compromise. The student employees could take a smaller bonus and work later. For instance, instead of a $5 bonus per hour, the employee could make an extra $2.50 per hour, and the library would be able to stay open an extra two hours. Or, instead of having the library open later every night, it could just be open later during the midterm and final examination times.

I did a little research to see what another UW school library was doing. I was jealous to see that the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse keeps a portion of their library open until 2 a.m. on most days. How nice would that be? I think that 2 a.m. would be a perfect closing time. This would allow night owls to get homework done and the staff to make some extra cash. I mean hey, if the bars are open that late why can't the library be?

Just how safe are students on UW campuses



COMMONSENSE
John Harsdorf

Is our campus still safe? Over the past couple of weeks, we have all received the e-mail warnings about the burglaries and assaults that have taken place around our campus.

In response to this, both the Menomonie Police and the University of Wisconsin-Stout Police have done an incredible job of informing our campus of these threats and ensuring that the attackers will be found.

Of course, we expect nothing less from our local protection agencies; after all, we pay taxes for the service of safety that they provide. We depend on the police force to ensure that we have safe homes and streets and to track down those that threaten our safety.

I can't help but think that the current situation here in Menomonie extends beyond UW-Stout and into the events of the current world. Like the victims here in Menomonie, America was also assaulted by those who meant to do her harm, and we are still in pursuit of those aggressors.

Like the Menomonie and UW-Stout Police, America and the coalition has made good headway, yet not all have been caught, and to give up our pursuit now would only invite further tragedy.

There is no comparing a war against terror with a case of assault and burglary; I am aware there are some large differences, the biggest is people wishing to vilify those who seek to protect us. People have been so misinformed that they believe those who are trying to protect us are instead liberating a country in order to get more money for certain American corporations. It is no doubt that our country will help to rebuild Iraq and will do so mainly through American corporations.

However this hardly justifies a war in Iraq in the pursuit of cheap oil or as a booming commercial enterprise scheme. Consider these facts released by a council on foreign relations study: it will take us three years and five billion dollars just to get Iraq's oil level back to the 1990 levels of 3.5 million barrels per day. Once we have hit that, production will still only increase worldwide by 1.3 percent, hardly enough to effect global oil prices.

In addition, with more oil on the market, fuel prices will begin to drop, hurting, not helping Dick Cheney and his "oil tycoon buddies." However, these lower oil prices will help George W. Bush rebound the broken and sagging economy left to him by Bill Clinton in 2000.

Despite all these facts, it is important that we never lose sight of our real goal, to preserve the safety of our freedoms from those who would assault us where we live. Just as the Menomonie Police patrol our city streets in order to show their presence and deter crime, our country must use its foreign presence to foster the American dream of freedom and prosperity.

I believe that our safety here on campus, and that of America, is in good hands with the good men and women working for us each day. If you would like to see one of the finest of these people in action and learn how the Wisconsin government is working, come see Senator Dave Zien from Eau Claire, Wis. speak this Monday Oct. 6, on self-protection in these unsafe times.

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PETE is revealed to UW-Stout

Becky Hartung

PETE. Last Thursday, students finally had the opportunity to put a face to the name that has been plastered on signs all over campus for the last three weeks.

With hope of showing students that there's more to life than drinking, Pete Ziolkowski, a senior majoring in psychology, addressed his epiphany from a typical, partying student to someone leading a Christian lifestyle.

"I was going out drinking four or five times a week," said Ziolkowski. "My friendships were based on alcohol and one-night stands."

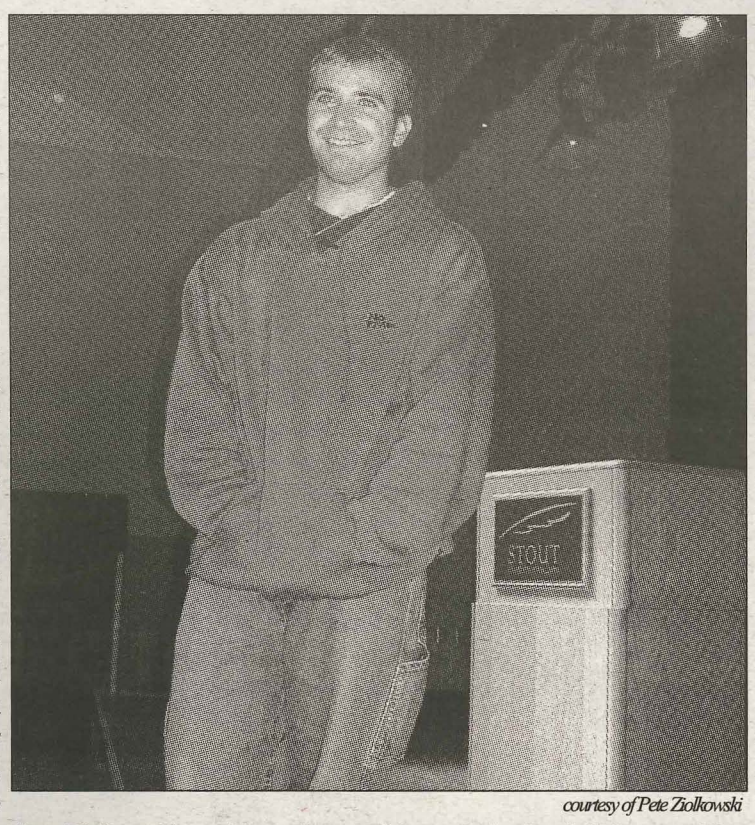
Finally, the wild lifestyle caught up with him. Friends turned their backs, leaving him alone and feeling empty. Eventually, he attempted suicide.

Struggling to stand on his feet again, Ziolkowski gave up drinking and began to search for a better outlet to apply his time and talents.

"I went looking for fulfillment," he said. "I made school a priority, started playing in a band, focused on track and even tried stand-up comedy in the Cities. But nothing really filled the void."

Finally, he looked to religion for help.

"I grew up Catholic, and my view on God was alter boys...do this, don't do that...you MUST go to church on Sundays," said Ziolkowski. "It never occurred to me that God was real and alive."



courtesy of Pete Ziolkowski

Pete Ziolkowski gave his testimony of the path that has led him to god last Thursday after two weeks of green signs posted throughout campus.

As his faith grew, the void inside his heart lessened. He had found what he was looking for.

"I've heard people say that Christianity is a crutch; to me, it's a whole hospital," he said.

In preparation for Ziolkowski's presentation, Campus Crusades for Christ decorated campus with a barrage of signs reading 'I agree with Pete.' Their marketing attempt was only partially successful.

"I didn't know what was going on," said Stephanie Peterson, a junior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "The fact that the signs were so vague was annoying because I didn't know what they were for. It's not something bad; they just didn't explain it all."

Many other students were offended by the signage that appeared everywhere on campus.

"Less is more," said Dana Johnson, a senior in multimedia design. "I'm all for people getting their word out, but when it starts to frequently encroach on my day, it's a little excessive."

Like many others, Johnson didn't know what the sign's purpose was. She kept her feelings of frustration to herself, but some students took it upon themselves to draw graphic pictures on the signs and create sexual innuendos with the acronym PETE.

According to university policy, the signs should not have been displayed in the first place.

"Students may reserve parts of the sidewalk for chalking, but they are not allowed to put out paper or non-biodegradable substances," said Sue Michels, a

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Trouble shooting help from Ask 5000

Elizabeth Erkel

It's the place all students turn when their computer crashes from downloading illegal music files off the internet, or from the guilty pleasure that only a computer and internet access can provide. It's the beckoning location of the one remaining hope for even the most computer literate individuals.

What goes on behind the Ask 5000 desk? What are the requirements to work there? What are the responsibilities of the employees, and what is it like to see it from the other side?

Joe Brown, the Chief Information Officer (CIO), and Douglas Wahl, the director of Telecommunications and Networking, say they are proud of what they have at the Ask 5000 desk, but as always, are striving to do better to benifit the campus and students.

First and foremost, an employee at Ask 5000 has people skills.

"[The candidates] need to know how to deal with frustration; we can train people to answer questions," says Brown.

Wahl agrees and adds that those at the help desk, especially those on the phone lines, are trained to be effective in understanding what the person in need is having trouble with.

"There are always technicians backing them up if they need help," added Wahl.

It was rumored that Ask 5000 employees needed to be a telecommunications major to work there, but that is not so. Both Brown and Wahl agree it's just that those are the people that seem to have the interest in applying for the position. Although most applicants have general computer knowledge, and it does help, it is not a factor in the consideration for employment. A main qualification is people skills.

The lines at the Ask 5000 desk move fairly quickly, despite how long it might actually take to fix a problem. They focus on quick and reliable service.

"We do not allow a line," said Brown and Wahl.

There is a camera in the office so someone can monitor whether or not they need to get another person in there helping.

They say if the problem can not be fixed in 15 minutes or less, troubled students can get a loaner computer with their hard drive transferred into it. This way they do not have to be deprived of their computer.

Getting people's questions dealt with quickly is a good thing. However, the complaints from many Macintosh users include the frustration of going to Ask 5000 to get help, only to find out that no one there seems to know how to help with a Mac, or they have to wait for the one person there that does. There is always a Mac specialist in the office, and the place usually isn't very packed, so there isn't a long wait.

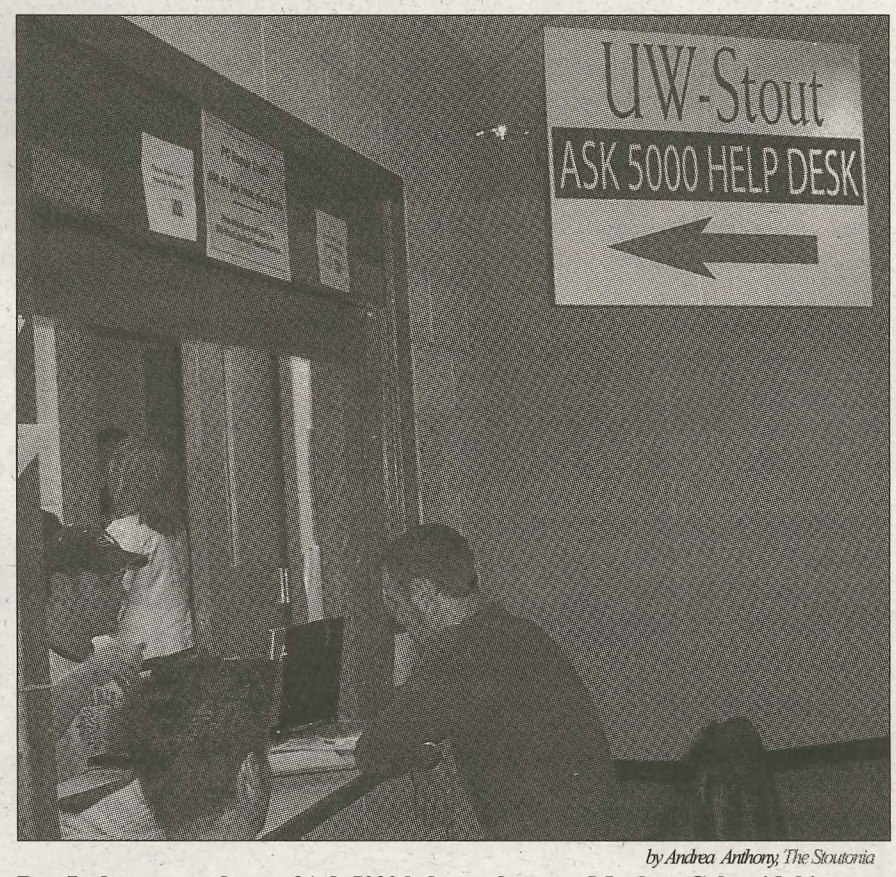
Megan Peterson, a junior in technological education, said her training for this job lasted a week and a half and that it was geared more towards PC's because that would be the majority of what she would deal with.

"Less than 10 percent of the laptops on campus are Apples, and we have to consider that," said Brown.

"People think we know everything, and they're easily frustrated when we don't have all the answers right off the top of our heads; we just know what route to take to solve the problem," said Matt DiIoia a UW-Stout student and Ask 5000 employee.

The most frequent problems people come in with are

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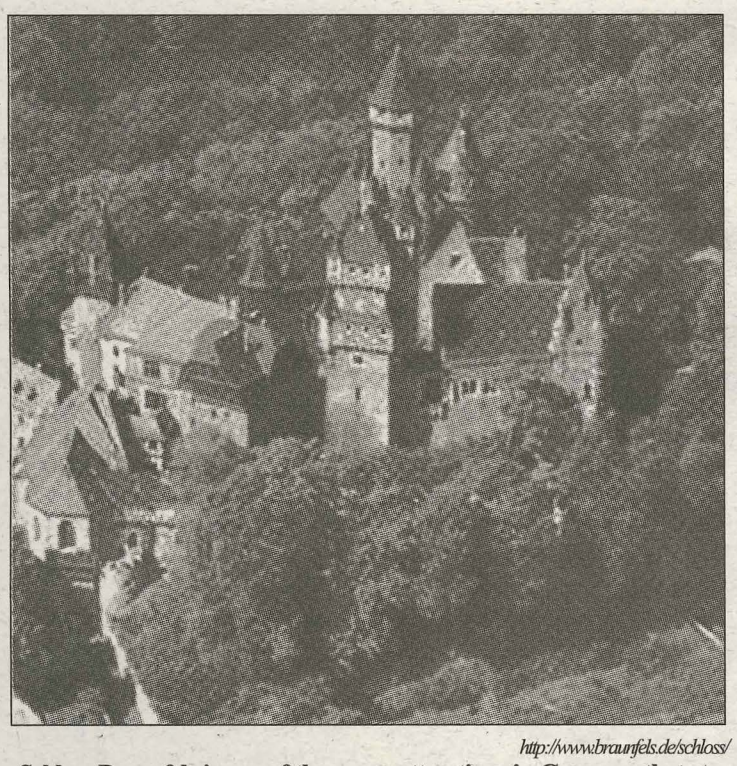


by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

Don Ledux, an employee of Ask 5000 helps sophomore, Matthew Cult, with his computer. Ask 5000 trains staff for trouble shooting, prepairing them for anything.

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More than a foreign affair



http://www.braunfels.de/schloss/

Schloss Braunfels is one of the many attractions in Germeny that students from UW-Stout have the option of visiting while abroad.

Stephanie Deshler

Imagine attending a school in an ancient castle on the ocean. The waves crash against the rocks outside while your professor lectures to your class.

Imagine being in a classroom where you, the American, are the minority, and you are thousands of miles away from the place you call home.

Would you be shy to raise your hand and ask questions? Would you love it? Would you hate it? Would you miss home? Could you handle it?

Not only do students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout have the opportunity to study abroad by living in another country, but students who want to stay in Wisconsin also have the opportunity to meet many different people from other cultures who are studying at UW-Stout.

"I thought I'd really find out where my strengths and weaknesses lie and what to do to overcome those weaknesses," said Renee Currington, a junior in technical communication, when referring to her recent experience in Hessen, Germany.

Not all students who study abroad make the decision to go for the same reason. The experience changes students' outlooks on life and broadens their horizons.

"I felt displaced sometimes because the technology resources are not the same,"said Currington. "I had difficulty finding a computer I could e-mail from and a phone card to call home. I couldn't even contact home for the first two weeks."

University life in the United States is very different from that of other countries.

"The relationship between students and professors are really different," said Eva Kuemml, an exchange student from Germany. "In Germany students don't get as close to professors and most of them don't really care about students."

Kuemml is spending the fall semester at UW-Stout, taking art and design courses for her major, multimedia management. Although this major is not offered through the university, Kuemml's courses at UW-Stout apply to her field of study.

"In Germany, we don't get homework," said Mathias Ganzmann, another foreign exchange student from Germany. "Students are just expected to do things, like reading, on our own and know about it all by the end."

Mathias Ganzmann is also studying abroad at UW-Stout for the fall semester. He is currently majoring in mechanical engineering.

"We don't have any general education classes at the university level," said Ganzmann. "We take our general classes in high school and only higher education classes at the university."

Universities in Germany are based solely on lecture and don't have many, if any, hands on activities; this is not something that only holds true in Germany. Students from Thailand have some of the same educational experiences.

"Every major here is more hands on," said Thanathorn Vajirakachorn, a foreign exchange student from Thailand, who is in the graduate program for hospitality and tourism. "Back home, it's just lecture and notes. Nobody even really asks questions."

Vajirakachorn had never traveled to the United States before attending UW-Stout, but she thinks she has adjusted well since coming here over a year ago. She is currently the president of the International Relations club and feels that she has made many good friends from many different countries.

"Last year, when I lived in the dorms, I was shocked to see the showers," remembers Vajirakachorn. "There was only little curtains as doors, and I thought there was no way I could take a shower here. People would be able to see me. At home, there's not even cracks in the doors, and they go from the ceiling to the floor."

Although this was definitely something different, Vajirakachorn's attitude was simply that if everyone else could do it, then she would just have to adjust to it.

Vajirakachorn speaks English very well but feels that when people don't understand her right away they give up talking to her.

"I feel like there's a little bit of racism because my English really isn't that good," Vajirakachorn said. "When people can't understand me, they just don't even want to talk to me anymore."

Even though this used to make her feel bad, she has now adjusted and doesn't let it get to her.

"First semester I felt frustrated because other people don't really attempt to understand the Thai culture," Vajirakachorn said.

However different education may be in other countries, these foreign exchange students have had to make other adaptations to United States life.

"There's no legal bar close time in Germany," said Kuemml. "You can stay out all night it you want to."

The legal drinking age in Germany is 16-years-old, and although both Kuemml and Ganzmann are over the legal drinking age in the United States, they both expressed how odd they thought American laws are.

"It's unusual, but you get used to it," said Ganzmann. "The first time the bar closed that early, I thought it was funny, but that's just because I didn't know it happened."

"Suitcases are packed, and UW-Stout becomes a ghost town."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

I have noticed the gradual procession of the University of Wisconsin-Stout becoming more of the dreaded suitcase college.

Maybe it's due to the fact that a majority of students here hail from a town less than a two hour drive. Or possibly, it could be the lack of options for fun things to do. When the idea of a house party and drinking begins to fade, then options for entertainment become limited.

Another reason for leaving on weekends is ties back home. While many high school friendships fade after being at school awhile, the few strong ones withstand the distance and grow with the changes. Those are the relationships that beckon students to drive home whatever the distance.

Leaving Menomonie could also be due to a students year in school.

While freshmen are thrilled to be away from home and to start a new life, upperclassmen may find that time away from school is a relief from daunting tasks piling up, or they are just sick of the same old same old.

Suitcases are not always packed to go home; many students head out to the highway to visit other places. The vast majority go to other universities, where the change in scenery leads to new ways to have fun.

Whatever the reason, leaving every weekend begins to detach you from your life at school. Social life is limited to the weekdays, and often, finding room for friends between class, work and projects can be difficult.

My weekend bag has been packed every weekend since the first, and as much fun as I have at home with my friends and boyfriend, I miss my life up here. Weekdays are consumed in my schoolwork. Any free time I have, I spend in my house relaxing. It's not the parties at UW-Stout that I miss, but everything else. It's being lazy all weekend - being lazy with friends. I try to find a balance between my two lives, and often it is hard to choose between them.

Find things that you loved in the first place about each, because college is about constant change and adapting.

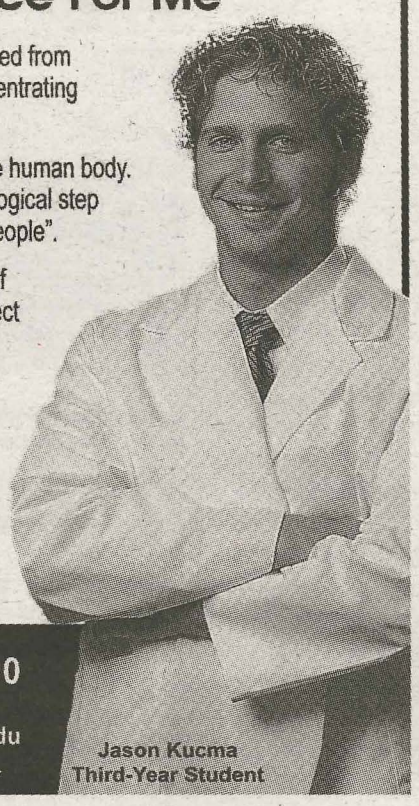
Chiropractic...
The Choice For Me

Jason Kucma is a Third-Year student from Medford, NJ. He graduated from Ithaca College with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology concentrating in Cardiac Rehabilitation.

"The only thing that has ever captured my attention was studying the human body. The more I learned in school, the more I needed to know. The most logical step for me was to become a Doctor of Chiropractic so I could truly help people".

Before making his decision to attend Logan, Jason visited nearly half of the chiropractic colleges in the United States. "Logan is in the perfect location in a safe, residential area. The Admissions staff are very friendly and helpful and the faculty are excellent."

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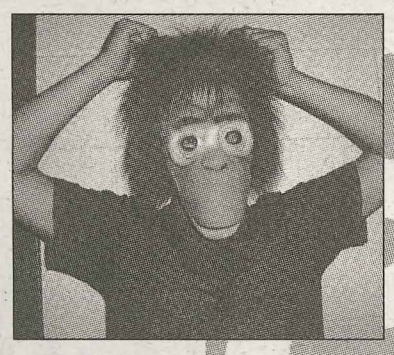
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Slant

What should be the next company to sponsor UW-Stout?



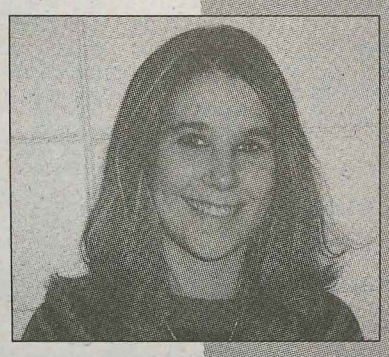
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"Best Buy"

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Next Week:

If you could change one thing about the past what would it be?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Computer/ help from students

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password complications, Internet connectivity and painfully truant access to different files. Brown and Wahl said they are instituting a website to go to that allows passwords to be changed by entering in some simple information. That will reset the password to a default and a new one can be created.

Peterson and DiIoia said the main reason for slow uploading is downloaded programs off the Internet, like music.

"Downloaded programs drastically effect the performance of the computer; they [students] don't understand why it slows down - it's those programs," they said.

When programs get downloaded, hidden programs come with them. This causes the bulk of the problems students face.

They offered some advice. A program to download, called Adaware6 (from download.com) goes through the computer and gets rid of all those hidden programs. This will immensely help the performance and is self explanatory, just read the directions. The important files are not harmed.

The hours for walk-in are M-TH 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The phone line is available 7:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. On Fridays, they are open until 6:00 p.m. with no after-hour phone line available due to lack of business.

Despite the difficulty and frustration the friendly employees may endure, both Peterson and DiIoia agree that "every problem is potentially a new one," and it is a great learning experience behind the desk.

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conference coordinator. "We called them and asked them to take down the signs because groups are only allowed to do chalkings."

Despite all the controversy with the signs, Crusaders hope that Ziolkowski's message will not be soon forgotten by students.

"I just hope that everyone who was exposed to Pete thinks about what they personally believe," said Dan Trenda, a senior in manufacturing engineering. "We get closer to the roots of community, love and friendship than people can find in bars, because ultimately, it's a spiritual hunger."

Editors note:

In the issue distributed on Sept. 18, we ran photos from inside grocery stores that were taken without permission from the individual stores. Also, the grammage was not considered when comparing bread loaf prices.

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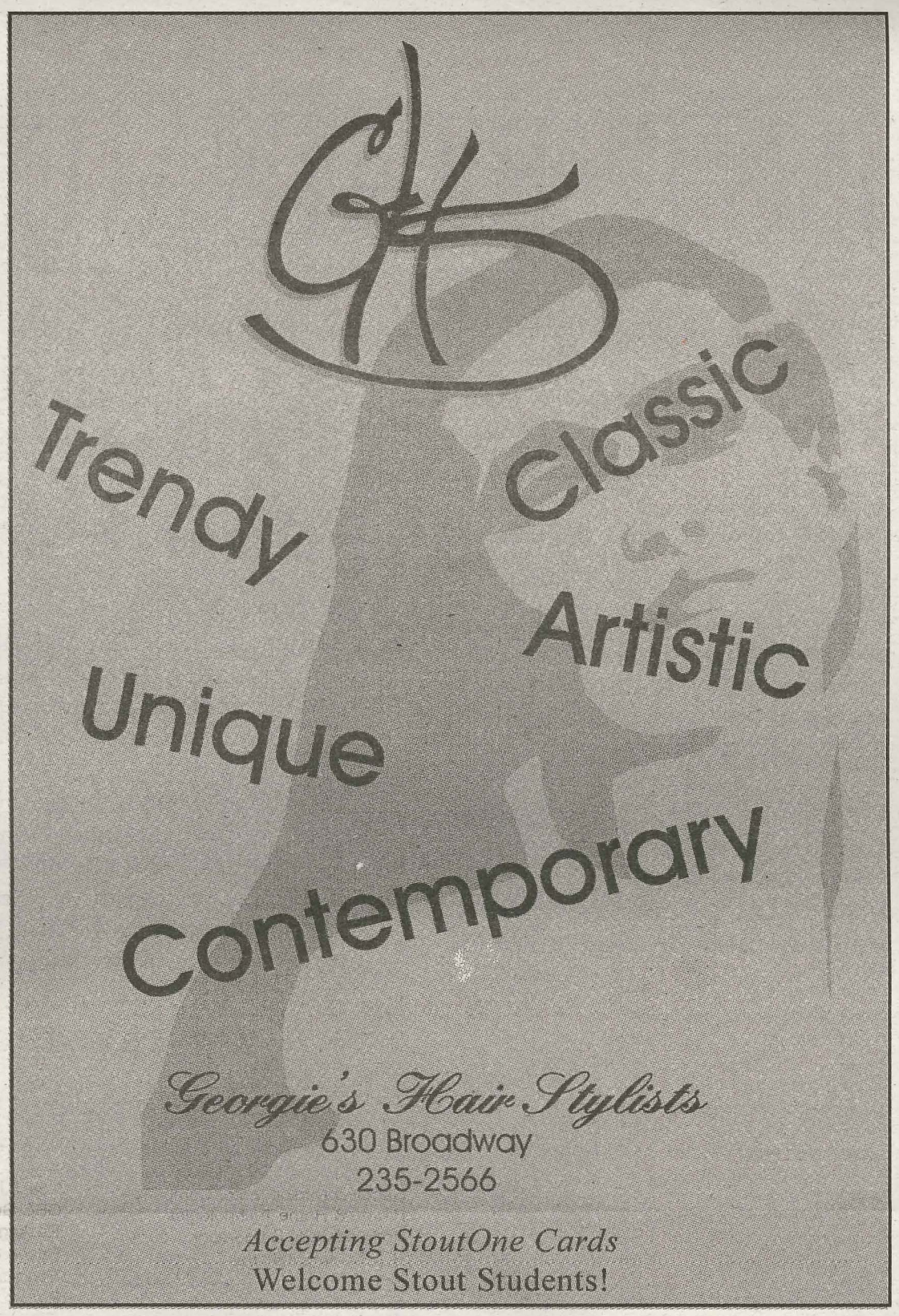
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The 411

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Thursday, Oct. 2
>The Sainte Catherines, punk band, 8 p.m., Great Hall, free

Friday, Oct. 3
>Volleyball UW-Stout v.s. UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m. Johnson Fieldhouse

Saturday, Oct. 4
>7th Annual Cooperative Free Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m., Dunn Energy Cooperative N5725 600th, Menomonie, non-perishable food item suggested donation
>Lifecycles: mind and body wellness through the lifespan, presented by Elton Fennell M.D. OBGYN, Terrace 8:30 a.m., $7
>Turtle Tug, tug-o-war over green Jell-O, benefit for Delta Zeta Foundation, 1 p.m., MSC lawn
>Delta Epsilon Chi Golf Scramble, 1:45 p.m., Chippewa Valley Golf Course 2200 Crestwood Drive, $20/person includes 9 holes and light lunch
>MLB Division Series Game New York Yankees v.s. Minnesota Twins, 8 p.m., Metrodome, ticket prices vary

Sunday, Oct. 5
>The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, 3 p.m., Altoona High School, tickets at Mega Pick & Save West, $20
>MLB Division Series Game New York Yankees v.s. Minnesota Twins, Time TBD, Metrodome, ticket prices vary

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>Sexual Assault Prevention Panel Discussion, 7 p.m., MSC
>Patriotism and Personal Safety, presented by State Senator Dave Zein, 5:30 p.m., MSC

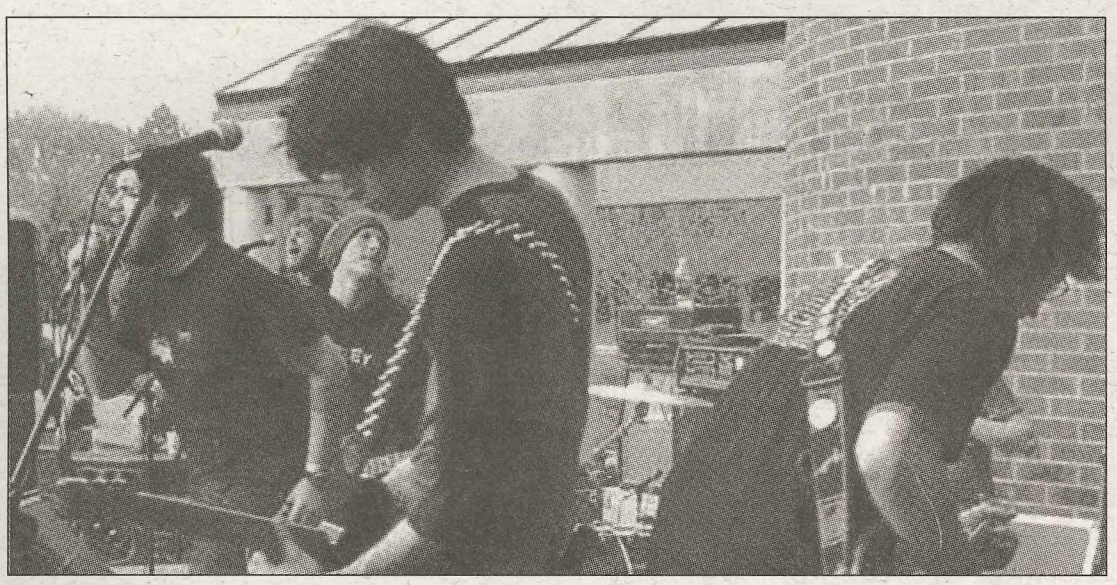
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>Stout Student Association Open House, 7 p.m., Rec Center, free pizza and games

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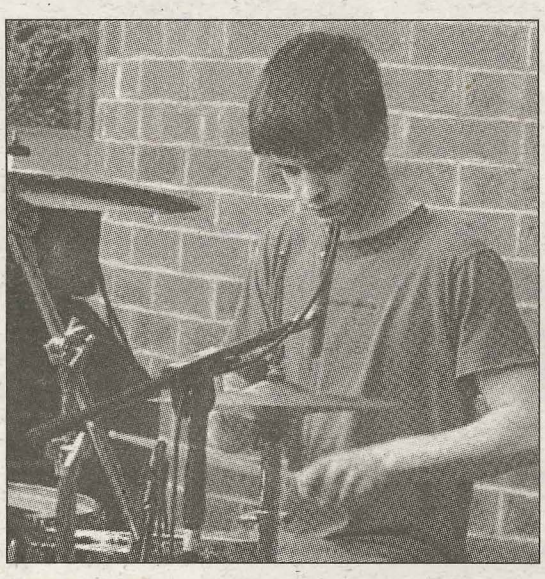
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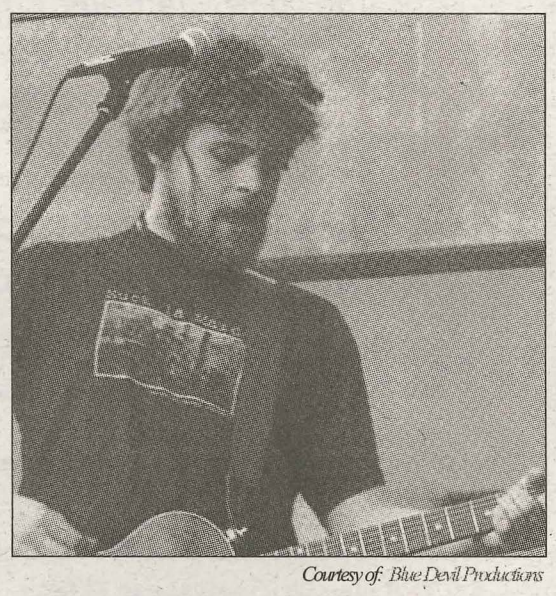
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Six-piece punk with a side of French









Courtesy of: Blue Devil Productions

The Sainte Catherines, a six-piece punk band from Montreal, Canada whose music has been compared to Rancid, is comprised of Hugo, Fred, Guillaume, Jef, Louis and Beaudet. The free show is on Oct. 2 at 8 p.m.

Eric Iverson

The Sainte Catherines return to UW-Stout Oct. 2

Blue Devil Productions (BDP) is once again keeping students' Thursday nights busy and cost-free with a well-known punk-rock band from Montreal. The Sainte Catherines, a six-piece band, will be performing in Huff's at the University of Wisconsin-Stout Thursday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m.

The French-speaking band is coming back for its second time, after performing last spring at a campus event called Throw Parties Not Bombs.

"The Sainte Catherines have a raw, punk-rock feel…it's Rancid meets Montreal punk-rock," said Kelly Ehley, a junior in technical communication and an employee at BDP.

The Sainte Catherines is a well-performed band as it has played over 250 shows in Canada, the United States and Europe in the last two years. They are kicking off another tour to promote their new album, titled *The Art of Arrogance*.

The raspy high-energy group has played with bands such as Guttermouth, Dropkick Murpheys, Propaghandi, The Slackers, the Dillinger Four and many more.

In 1999, the group started as Concrete Fongus and later changed their name to The Sainte Catherines in 2000. With musical influences such as Neurosis, Avail, The Broadways, Fifteen, Hot Water Music and Refused, the three guitars, rough vocals, poppin' bass work and intelligent drumming lead to a very unique and solid sound.

"It's beautiful music," said David Kargol, a junior in graphic design. "They just go off and scream into the mic along with three guitars just chuggin' at the same time."

The opening band, Among the Dead, has also played at UW-Stout before.

"[They are] great musicians, like the kinds who just explode and then show up on the cover of Rolling Stone," said Kargol.

This event is sponsored by UW-Stout's Blue Devil Productions. Admission is free, and the public is invited. For additional information, call 715-232-2432.

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Bye bye Bagels.com hello Bistro



FEED MY BELLY
Paige Klein

Take a little stroll down Main Street, and what can you find? You'll find some banks, cute specialty shops, several bars and a small sign advertising Bagels.com. But take a step inside Bagels.com, and you will realize that things are not what they seem.

Last January, Menomonie Bistro was opened at what used to be known as Bagels.com. The husband and wife duo of Chris and Leah Paisley bought, renovated and reopened the restaurant without missing a beat.

Right now the Paisley's are waiting on one last piece to make the changeover complete: the awning and signs. Some of the old theme is still present, such as the computers along the left wall and the freshly-made bagels and coffee available all day. But the menu is what really makes the restaurant stand out.

According to L. Paisley, the menu is still being tweaked, and they are constantly looking to add new things. Currently, there is the typical bagels, "shmear" and coffee, but the twist is that they also offer breakfast sandwich bagels and burritos along with specialty coffee drinks.

"I need to wake up in the morning, and it's close to stats class," said Nate Voss, a senior in hotel restaurant and tourism.



Sure that may seem like no big deal, but there is more. They have "design your own sandwich" and "design your own pizza" concepts that let you decide exactly what you want without having to do any of the preparation.

Other items that pop out are the salads and the "gourmet pizza." These categories offer both basic and out of the ordinary combinations.

There are no worries about getting in a rut either. Soon there will be a monthly schedule of daily specials that run Monday-Friday. If you really want to be ambitious you could utilize the "Bakers Dozen and Joe-To-Go" special for the office or class. Otherwise, you can have it delivered most everywhere in Menomonie.

Looking at the other aspects of Menomonie Bistro, you would most likely be pleased. The place is clean and the atmosphere friendly and quiet. The service is helpful and available but not intrusive.

If you don't have much to spend but want exceptional food for a decent price, then this would be right up your alley. For all the students wanting to find a way to save, Menomonie Bistro offers a student discount of 10 percent with a student ID.

My vote is in: I would make it my weekly ritual to try one new item from the menu. All the food sounds mouthwatering and worth every penny. Do not be fooled by the signs, it's definitely Menomonie Bistro.

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Open mic night lacks humor



EVENT REVIEW
Jaime VandenHoogen

Hey, do you want to hear a really bad joke? Well, you could have. Thursday, Sept. 25 was the beginning of open mic night. And, wow, was it ever bad.

Open mic night was definitely a disappointment. I wasn't expecting Chris Rock or Adam Sandler, but the performers could have at least tried to be funny. The only entertaining part of the night occurred when the comedians laughed at their own jokes while the audience fought the urge to run out of the room.

The performers were poorly organized and unsure of what to say next. Several comedians used inside jokes as part of their acts. While these jokes were humorous to the friends who came along for support, the rest of us sat there completely in the dark.

Ten minutes into the show, I began to plot ways to escape without being rude and disrespectful to the comedians. After 30 minutes I didn't care if I was being rude; I scribbled a note to my boyfriend saying that either it was time to leave or I was going to heckle the performers. Fortunately, there was a shortage of performers, so the show was almost over, and I could make a quick escape with a clear conscience.

Even though I didn't enjoy this particular event, I do believe that it has potential. The BDP can only be held responsible to a certain point. They can encourage involvement in their events, but they can't put people on the stage and make them be funny, which they proved last Thursday. Also, once the performers are on stage, there is little that BDP can do to help the performers remember their act and keep the audience's attention.

The success of future mic nights relies on the participation of the students. I think that this event could be very entertaining if more people took the time to prepare an act and practiced it before the night of the show. I would also suggest steering clear of inside jokes as they're only funny for half of the audience.

The first open mic night may not have been successful, but I am optimistic about future events, provided that people actually participate and practice their acts. This event could be extremely entertaining if people took an interest in it and got involved.

Open Mic Nights...

Thursdays at 8 p.m. MSC

- **October 9**
- **October 30**
  Spoken Word
- **November 13**
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TV to DVD

Glenn Hintze

If you didn't catch it the first time, don't worry. It's probably out on DVD. Television series new and old are making their way to the market and outselling many motion picture DVD releases. So what's the driving force behind this new trend?

First off, most television series in syndication rarely go in the original order the episodes were aired. When you catch a re-run of "The X-Files," you never know if it's going to be season one or seven. The extra features on the DVDs are also a huge selling point, with behind the scenes footage, deleted scenes and commentary tracks on almost every release. Another reason for the huge success is the ability to collect every episode of your favorite series. Why wait for the next "Dawson's Creek" marathon when you can watch them any time you want?

"Sometimes when you're sick or sad, it's nice to watch your favorite TV show," said Erinn Nelson, a freshman psychology major who owns some of her favorite series on DVD.

Most every title you could think of has a boxed DVD release. Everything from "The Simpsons" to "The Twilight Zone" is available and flying off the shelves. Within the next month, over 30 different seasons will be available to own. Hefty prices on these boxed sets deter some customers with prices ranging from $30 to $100 for each complete season of a popular series.

Networks are pulling out their classic series and placing them on the shelves next to some of today's hottest shows such as "CSI" and "24." Last year's full season of "24" has been available since Sept. 9.

Some shows haven't made the jump to DVD yet, most notably "Seinfeld." No release date has been set for "Seinfeld" seasons to start appearing on DVD, but expect to hear about it soon as the trend continues to gain momentum.

If you're impatiently waiting for your favorite show to hit the market, just kick back and watch something else. By the time you've watched all five seasons of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" on DVD, your show is bound to be out.

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What Joe Schmoe doesn't know

Eric Iverson

Who wouldn't want to live in a luxurious house for a month while working your way towards a chance at $100,000? When this opportunity was presented to Matt Gould, also known as Joe Schmo, he dove in headfirst.

He should have checked the depth.

What Joe doesn't know is the "reality" show he is on turns out to be an elaborate hoax to make him look like a Schmo.

The reality show, "Lap of Luxury," that Gould thinks he is on, has been in the makings for over a year and is made up of an elaborate cast of actors and a team of producers known for their competition-based reality shows.

The cast incorporates stereotypical reality show characters such as the grizzled veteran, the jerk, the gay guy, the quack and the buddy. Producers tried out over 1,500 actors in search for new, unrecognizable talent so the scam wouldn't be busted.

Gould, originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., is money hungry after dropping out of law school and delivering pizzas in his hometown. Because of this, Gould is there to win it all and do what it takes, even if it means voting off a contestant for whom he has the hots.

In one episode, Gould is even driven to tears after Earl, a housemate he grew close to, was voted off.

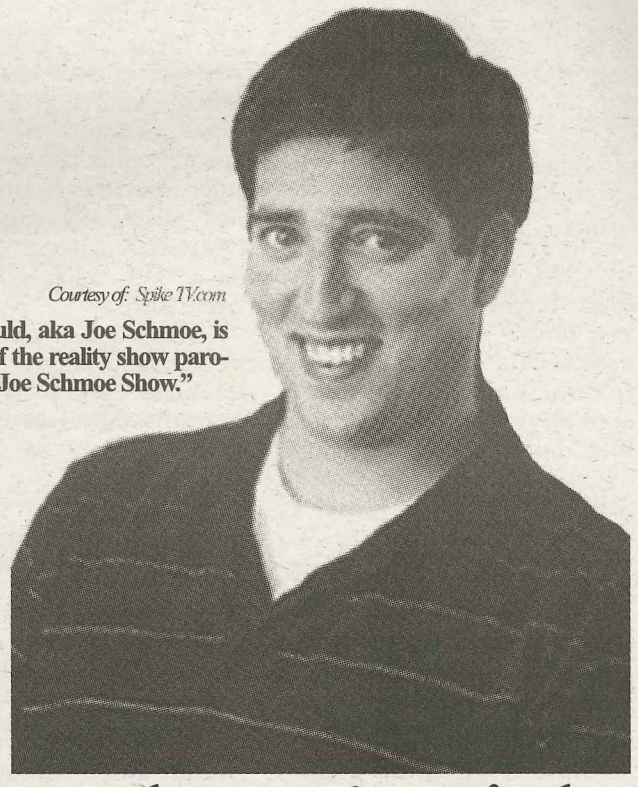
"I thought it was lame at first and thought it was some of the worst TV in history," said Doug Stevens, an undeclared sophomore. "But now that Matt [Gould] character has grown on me, and I think it's pretty rad."

At other times, cast members would make mistakes that could have ruined the show, but Gould didn't notice.

This parody of a reality show is definitely not like others. With games such as "Hands on a High-Priced Hooker" and a purple immunity robe which Gould calls "The Pimp Robe," the "Joe Schmo Show" is definitely in a league all its own.

"It's entertaining but not beneficial or tangible," said Janelle Kai, a sophomore in human development and family studies.

"The Joe Schmo Show" airs Tuesday nights at 10 p.m. on Spike TV.



Courtesy of: Spike TV.com

Matt Gould, aka Joe Schmoe, is the star of the reality show parody, "The Joe Schmoe Show."

The Rock cooks up a surprise that doesn't stink



MOVIE REVIEW

Glenn Hintze

Can you smell what The Rock is cooking? Smells like a new generation of action movies and a bona fide movie star. In "The Rundown," he proves that he's not just an athlete trying for a fatter wallet; he actually knows how to act.

The movie opens with a fantastic scene in which Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson really shows his acting versatility. His character, Beck, is a "retrieval agent," which is a debt collector who gets to beat the crap out of the debtors instead of annoying them with late night phone calls.

And beat the crap out of them he does.

Throughout the movie, the fight scenes are perfectly choreographed and pretty believable in comparison to most action movies.

The story begins with Beck being commissioned to track down his boss's son, Travis (Sean William Scott). The Rock and Scott shine as Scott falls into another Stifler-esque role as the smart-ass who brings more trouble than he can handle. The two make a great comedic duo; surprisingly enough, they keep the laughs coming throughout the action sequences.

> "[Christopher] Walken alone is worth the price of admission."

The biggest trouble that Travis finds is Mariana (Rosario Dawson), a barmaid by day, rebel fighter by night. Both Travis and Mariana are in search of a priceless treasure. Travis wants the fame and fortune of the discovery, while Mariana wants to use it as a way to inspire her people to overthrow the slave driver they are forced to work for.

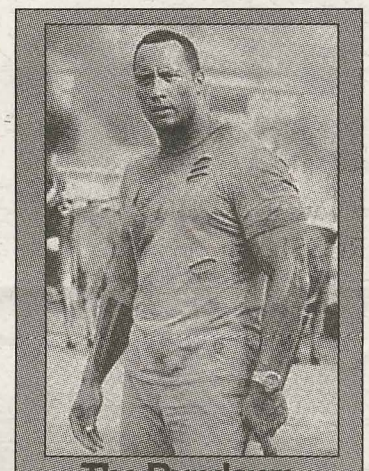
Christopher Walken plays the slave driver, Hatcher, who set up a gold mine in the Amazon and forces the natives to work for next to nothing. Walken alone is worth the price of admission, especially in the scene where he tries to describe the role of the tooth fairy to some of his native employees; they have no idea what he's talking about.

> "One of the best action-comedy movies of the last few years."

Beck is trying to bring Travis back to America, but after their Jeep flies off a cliff, the pair is forced to trek through the jungle. Hilarity inevitably ensues as they take on everything from agile jungle warriors to a sexually charged monkey.

Mariana spares them a painful death at the hands of the natives and convinces the two to accompany her on the search for the relic. After some particularly funny dialogue involving water-borne parasites, they come upon the cave hiding the artifact. Travis has to figure out the ancient riddle protecting the icon, a scene very reminiscent of "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

The great cast, the emergence of The Rock as a superstar and a genuinely well-written story make this one of the best action-comedy movies of the last few years. See this one, or someone may have to lay the smack down on you.



The Rundown

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DVD Releases



"2 Fast 2 Furious;" Starring Paul Walker
The first one was terrible, and Vin Diesel isn't even in the sequel. If you like terrible dialogue, bad acting and poor computer animation, this is the movie for you!

Compiled by Glenn Hintze

"Dreamcatcher;" Starring Morgan Freeman
Steven King's latest film adaptation was weird, to say the least. I guess getting hit by a truck will do that to you. This movie is surprisingly creepy, is well done and is worth renting. Please watch this instead of "2 Fast 2 Furious." Please.



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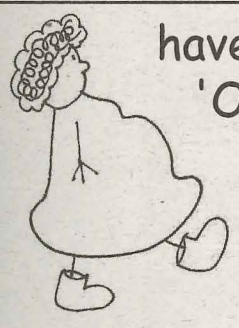
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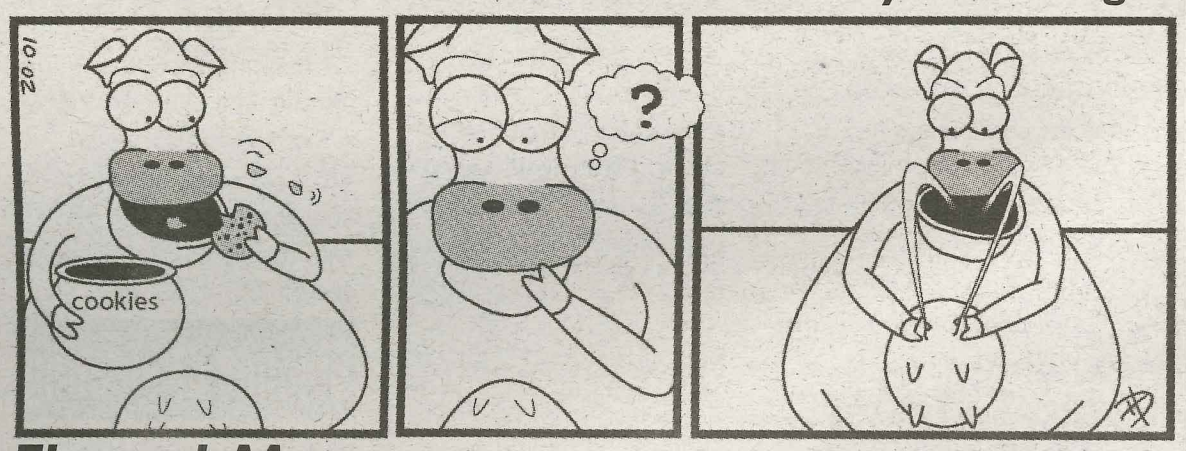
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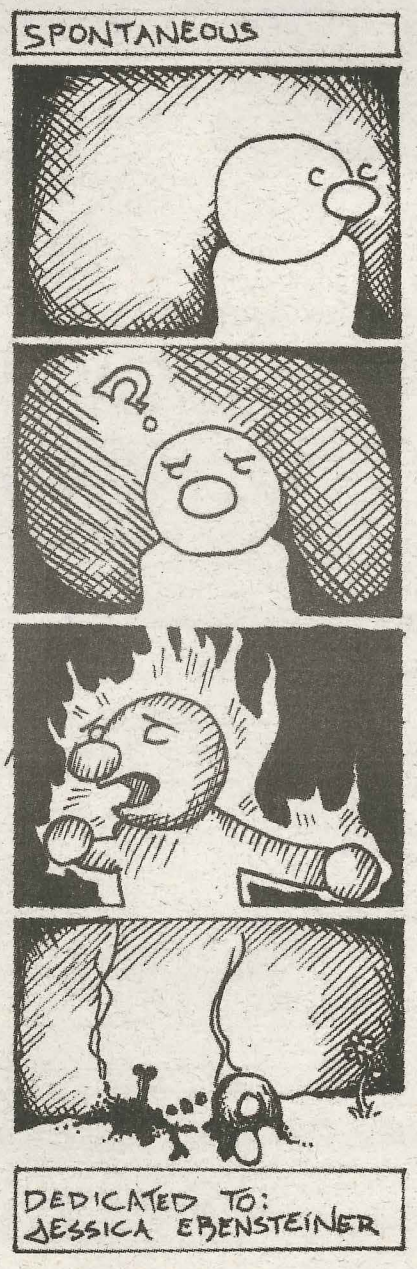
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by Aaron Krueger



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by Andy Christensen



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Reviewing the week in sports

Ryan Wessley

Football

On a Hall of Fame game day, the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team ran to a 51-3 win on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Don & Nona Williams Stadium. The Blue Devils scored early and often and ran up 412 total yards in the first half. UW-Stout finished with 566 total yards, which included a single game school rushing record of 464 yards.

Luke Bundgaard, who holds the school all-time rushing record, broke the school career scoring record midway through the first on quarter on a five-yard run.

Bundgaard set up the score with a 34-yard jaunt on the previous play. Bundgaard now has 180 career points, surpassing the mark of 178 by Scott Fredrickson, who was on hand to present Bundgaard with the game ball after the score. UW-Stout opens WIAC play Saturday, Oct. 4 when they travel to University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Soccer

UW-Stout's Krista Hight, opened the floodgates with an early goal as the Blue Devils went on to a 12-0 non-conference soccer win at Upper Iowa University, Saturday, Sept. 27. The Blue Devils got single goals from Carrie Schrank, who also added five assists, Chelsey Seawell, Sarah Geiger and Tina Dora. The Peacocks (0-8) accounted for UW-Stout's other goal on an own goal.

Melissa Ballweg picked up the shutout and had no saves as UW-Stout did not allow a shot on goal and practically no shots from the field as the entire roster played.

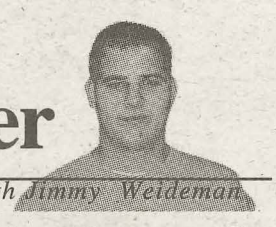
Volleyball

UW-Stout played long ball in splitting two games at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Lisa Siegenthaler Volleyball Invitational Saturday, Sept. 27. UW-Stout went five games and came all the way back in downing University of Wisconcin-Superior, 25-30, 25-30, 30-21, 30-17, 15-12, then lost in four games to Univeristy of Wisconsin-River Falls, 25-30, 30-23, 30-21, 30-19. Tanielle Zenner had 16 kills against UW-Superior and Gretchen Schroer added 14. Against the Falcons, Schroer had 16 kills, Lindsay Mensink 14 and Zenner 12. Mensink and setter Erin Heger were named to the all-tournament team. The Blue Devils return home and to conference pla on Friday, Oct. 3 when they host UW-Stevens Point at 7 p.m.

Tennis

It all came down to the final match and UW-Stout's Nicole Hayek delivered the goods that gave the Blue Devils a 5-4 win over Hamline University on Monday, Sept. 29. After the Blue Devils lost 2-of-3 doubles matches, the singles players bounced back to tie the team score by garnering three of the five singles matches, leaving the No. 1 match ongoing.

Fantasy Football Corner



with Jimmy Weideman

Among some friends, bragging rights are a way of life. At this time of year, there are no bigger bragging rights than being a top fantasy football league. So, I have decided to provide you some guidance when managing a fantasy football team. Fantasy football is all about picking studs with sleepers and leaving the duds on the bench. So, I have compiled a list of quarterbacks, runningbacks and wide receivers that received the most fantasy points.

Studs
(Expect big numbers)

Quarterback

Steve McNair vs. New England – McNair is over looked very often; don't do it this week with New England missing five starters.

Running back

Priest Holmes vs. Denver – Hopefully you didn't pass him in the draft like I did. He has been a horse: keep riding him all season.

Wide receiver

Randy Moss vs. Atlanta – Moss made Gus Frerotte look like a pro-bowl quarterback. Anyone who can do that is money in my bank.

Sleepers
(Could do well)

Quarterback

Quincy Carter vs. Arizona – Carter has been passing all over teams, and this week he plays Arizona poor-cover defense.

Running back

Amos Zereoue vs. Cleveland - This running back makes the Pittsburg offense click. Zereoue may have a break out game vs. Cleveland.

Wide receiver

Chris Chambers vs. New York Giants - Chambers has been having a good year. He will attack this defense, which was torn apart by Dallas wide outs.

Duds
(Just bad)

Quarterback

Jon Kitna vs. Buffalo – Kitna looked good last week, his first time in his NFL career, but he won't be able to handle the Buffalo defense.

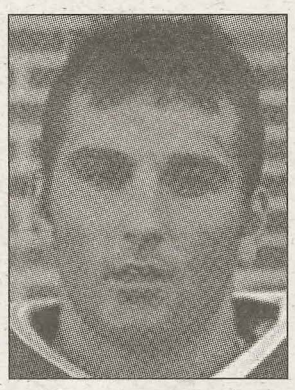
Running back

William Green vs. Pittsburgh - Green has not shown up at all this year. Also, Pittsburg defense is very tough against the run.

Wide receiver

Terrell Owens vs. Detroit – This cry baby is too worn out to play on the field from throwing fits with teammates and coaches.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Nate Rykal

The Facts:
Football
Junior
Cadott, Wis.
Applied Math

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

On Sept. 27, Nate Rykal intercepted a pass in the first minute of the game and returned it 33-yards taking the University of Wisconsin-Stout up 7-0, setting the tone for a 51-3 victory against St. Thomas. Rykal finished the game with seven tackles, four solo, two tackles for losses of 16 yards and one pass break up.

Due to his performance, Rykal was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference defensive player of the week.

Last year, Rykal started all ten games of the season and earned six tackles against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

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Waterski team season soared

Wesley Simonis

Waterskiing is not an easy sport. It takes practice just to learn how to stay on top of the water, let alone being able to hit jumps, fly through the air and do tricks.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout waterski team showed everybody who was best when they took home the 2003 State Championship.

The state championship was held in the spring of 2003 in Adams Friendship, Wis.

The waterskiers also got a chance to compete in the regional competition last weekend in Decatur, Ill. The team finished in 10th place, which was not quite enough for them to move on to the national competition.

Overall, it was an excellent season, and many of its members enjoyed the competition.

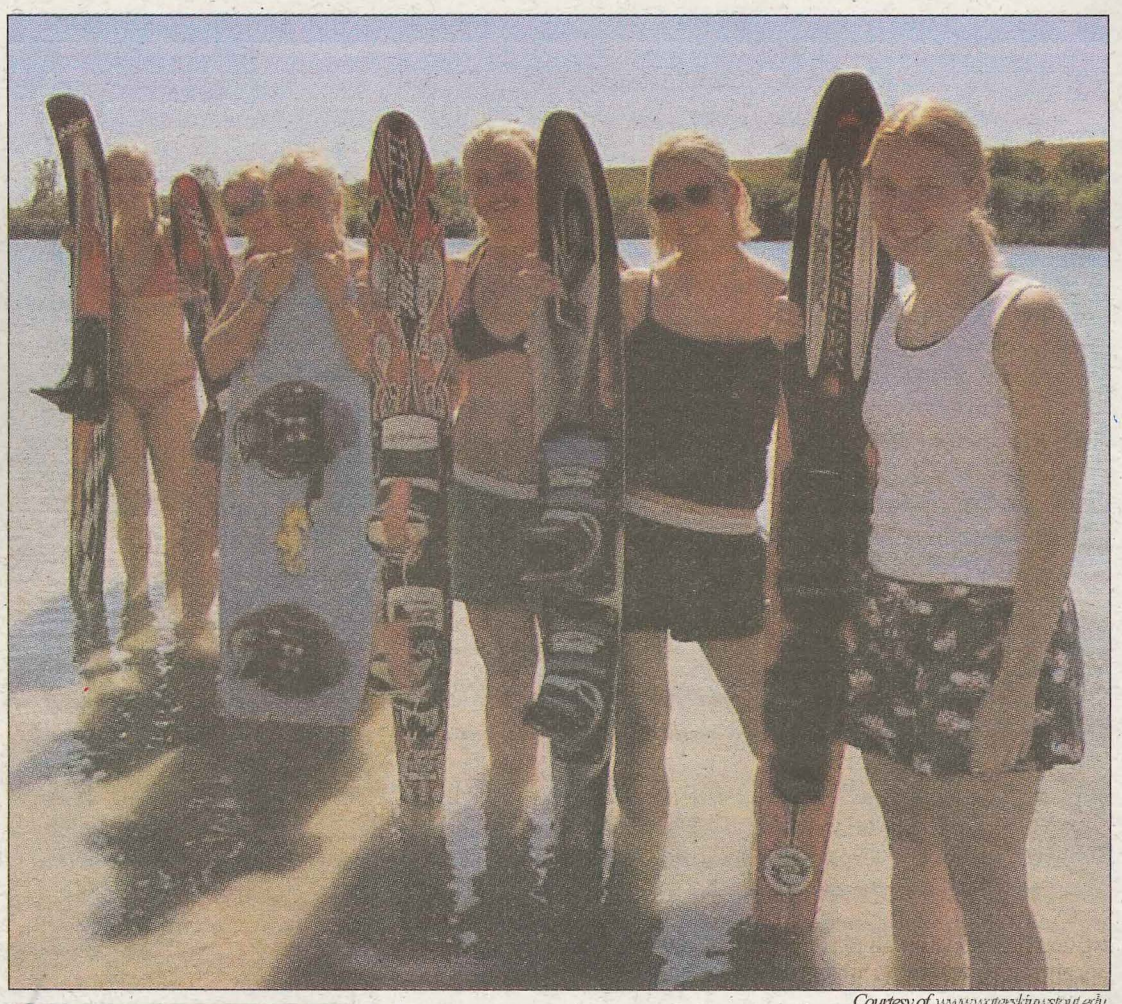
"Skiing is a good way to take a break from class," said Phil Murtha, a sophomore in early childhood education. "I like to wakeboard and slalom."

Murtha has been on the team for two years and is one of the 35 plus members who practice hard to receive the title of state champions.

There are three events that the waterski club competes in. One of the events is called slalom.

In a slalom competition, boat speed, rope length and the amount of markers one clears dictates how good a specific run is. Slalom competition requires a skier to have tremendous balance and quick reaction time.

In ski-jump competition, distance is measured from a large ramp that the skier flies off of. Ski-jump competitions are based on the distance the skier flies from the ramp to landing; the skier must remain standing to receive points. Ski jumpers are at great risk for a dangerous spill if they make even one mistake while in mid air.



Courtesy of, www.waterskistout.edu

The waterski team ended their season on a high, taking the State title for the division and taking tenth place, just short of qualifying for nationals.



The trick competition is the final event that UW-Stout waterskiers compete in.

In the trick competition, the skiers have the option of using one ski, two skies or a wakeboard without fins.

Trick competitions are filled with excitement as skiers do their best to show off moves such as skiing backward, spins or jumps.

"I love to wakeboard; it used to be the only thing I would do," said Maggie Cane, a sophomore in industrial design. "This year I learned how to ski and I have a new love for it.""

Cane is a second year skier for UW-Stout and now enjoys both wakeboarding and skiing.

Cane was also one of the members who participated in the regional competition this weekend.

Overall, the future looks promising for the UW-Stout waterski team.

Due to the high participation rates and quality skiers this year, the team is able to look back on a successful year.

With a solid base from this season, they can look forward to a strong shot at qualifying for national's in the spring season.

SCOREBOARD

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UW-Stout vs. St. Thomas 51-3	UW-Stout vs. UW-Superior 3-2 games vs. UW-River Falls 1-3 games	UW-Stout vs. UW-Stevens Point 0-1	UW-Stout vs. Hamline University 5-4

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entertainment

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is an increasingly popular reality television show on the UW-Stout campus.

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student life

UW-Stout held a sexual violence panel disscusion on Monday and hosted 10 speakers.

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Two football players hurt in accident

Amanda Herr

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, two University of Wisconsin-Stout football players were injured in a car accident that occurred around 9 p.m. near Clear Lake, Wis.

Matt Sprester, a senior majoring in business, and Ryan Englebert, a sophomore majoring in dietetics, were driving to dinner at Sprester's parents' home in Clear Lake when they were struck by another vehicle approximately one mile from their destination.

They were taken to nearby Amery [Wis.] Regional Medical Center and later transported to Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

According to Layne Pitt, sports information director, both players were released from the hospital on Monday, Oct. 6.

Sprester had surgery on ligament damage in his ankle and foot. He cannot put any weight on his ankle for up to three months.

Englebert suffered a hip injury from the accident but did not require surgery. However, the injury will require 30 days of bed rest in order for it to heal.

Both players are now at home, Sprester in Clear Lake and Englebert in Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

"The boys will have to drop from school to rehab their injuries," football coach Ed Meirkort said. "They were two of the best players in the league so it hurt us a lot last week in a loss to Oshkosh. Our players are a tight group so it has affected the kids."

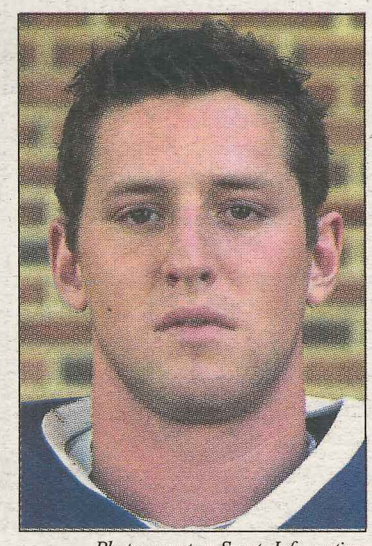
Sprester and Englebert transferred to UW-Stout last season. Sprester transferred from the Univeristy of Minnesota-Duluth and Englebert from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sprester was the team's leading wide receiver and Englebert split the duties of tailback evenly with senior business major, Luke Bundgaard.

"It is too early to tell if they can ever play again," Meierkort said.



Ryan Englebert
Running Back
6'0", 235 lbs
Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
Sophomore, Dietetics



Photos courtesy Sports Information

Matt Sprester
Wide Receiver
6'5", 225 lbs
Clear Lake, Wis.
Senior, Business

Legal limit lowered to .08

Tim Solfest

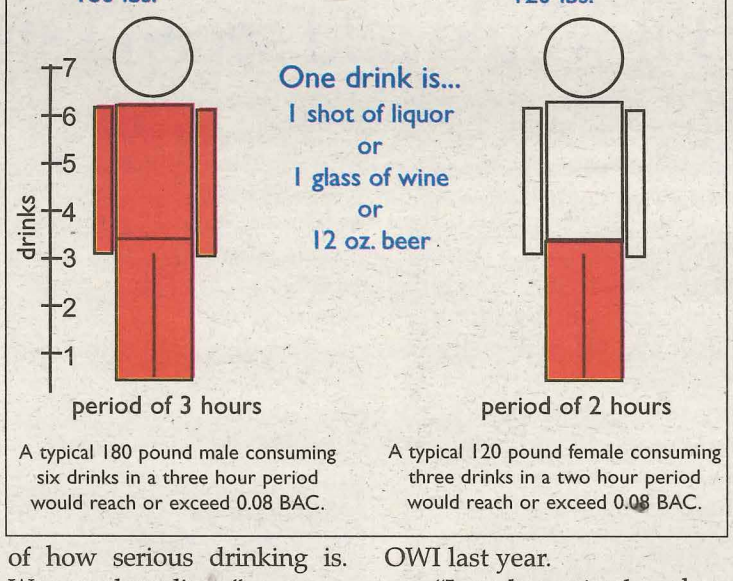
Wisconsin's drunk driving law's legal limit was lowered from 0.10 to 0.08 blood-alcohol content (BAC) on Oct. 1. Wisconsin became the 43rd state to adopt this change. Since then, Michigan has also adopted a more stringent law.

The law in Wisconsin applies to the first, second and third operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) offenses. All offenses beyond that remain subject to the 0.02 or greater BAC.

According to "The Skillful Drinker's Guide" offered by University Counseling, a typical 180-pound man consuming six drinks (with a drink equaling a shot of liquor, a glass of wine or a 12-ounce beer) in a three-hour period would reach or exceed 0.08 BAC.

On a similar note, if a typical 120-pound woman drank three drinks in two hours she would reach the 0.08 BAC limit.

"This [change in BAC level] sends the right message," said Allen Ebel, director of alcohol and other drug services (AOD) at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "We have to send the message of how serious drinking is. We care about lives."



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Numerous scientific studies show that drivers are impaired at the 0.08 level. Braking, steering, lane changing, speed control, perceptual judgment and attentiveness are all compromised at the 0.08 level.

"It seems to me that they were blackmailed," an anonymous student said of the state's decision to lower the legal limit.

"The only reason states lowered the limit was 'cause they need the money for the roads from the federal government." The student, a senior in technology education, was charged with an OWI last year.

"I made a mistake when I was a junior," the student said. "I was 22 years old at the time, drinking with a friend in the dorms when we decided to go out and get some food. At the time I thought I was fine. But then I got pulled over and did the breathalyzer and was way over the limit.

"I spent that night in jail 'cause I couldn't get a hold of anyone. I ended up changing my [car] insurance, paying the fines, taking a drinking assessment class. It ended up costing me about $1,200 not even including the

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Thesis collection posed ID threat

Joel Shaw

The master theses collection was pulled off the floor Tuesday from the library reference section after library staff members were notified that the microfiche files contained social security numbers of graduates.

The microfiche files are located in what is called the thesis collection, a resource used by University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate students for research.

The files were taken to a more secure location for removal of the numbers. Until that task is completed, the files will be signed out after removal of the page containing the social security number of the author.

The numbers are entered on one of two documents attached to the master thesis: a statement of permission to publish or a statement of withholding permission to publish.

These documents are attached to about 3,000 theses from 1980 to 1990. Library director Philip Schwarz said the job would take about 15-20 hours.

"We were appalled when we found it," Schwarz said. "Back in those days the student's identification [number] was their social security number."

Before Tuesday, the theses were not secured and could be quickly scanned at a workstation adjacent to the file collection for either of the two documents; the information could be written down and removed from the premises. If a printed version was desired, an active UW-Stout username and password was needed.

When ID theft became a national concern, the state of Wisconsin ordered in 1997 that all universities should cease using social security numbers as student identification by the year 2000.

UW-Stout Registrar Jeffery Kirschling said UW-Stout was in compliance with that order by September 1999.

In addition to the social security number, the document contained the full name, the permanent address and home phone number of the graduate. That is enough information to

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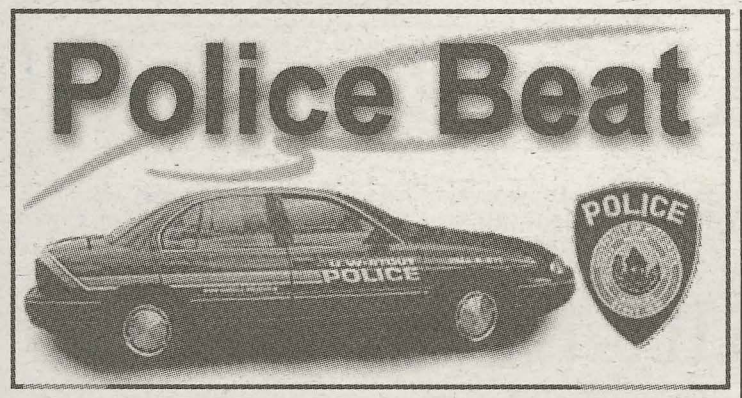
Weekend Weather

Friday: High 85° Low 57° Mostly Sunny

Saturday: High 66° Low 44° Thunder Storms

Sunday: High 65° Low 39° Partly Cloudy

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Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Red means stop
On Sept. 23, a University Police officer observed a student riding a moped south bound in the 900 block of 3rd Street E. The moped didn't stop at the stop sign at the intersection of 10th Avenue and 3rd Street. The moped turned right onto 10th Avenue and didn't stop for the stop sign at 10th Avenue and S. Broadway. The officer followed the moped to the front of JTC residence hall and talked to the student driver. The student was issued a warning.

Attempted car arson
On Sept. 27, a sports coach reported that someone attempted to start a fire underneath one of his player's vehicle. The coach said his team just returned from an overnight stay and the vehicle had been parked in lot 4. It appeared that someone had attempted to ignite six sticks of birch firewood underneath the rear driver's side of the vehicle, just behind the back wheel.

Along with a partially charred stick of firewood, the student player stated that her gas cap was laying on the pavement near the rear of the vehicle and a piece of Coca Cola cardboard packaging was inserted in the gas tank opening of the vehicle and also had been lit. The vehicle did not appear to have any external damage, but it is not known if anything was poured down the gas tank.

The student gave no one permission to vandalize or attempt to damage her vehicle. She did not know of anyone that would want to harm her or her vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Don't touch the bike
While parked in lot 14 on Sept. 28, a University Police officer was flagged down by a student carrying a girl's bike he found laying in campus lot 6. The officer took the bike and placed it by the bike rack. He advised the student next time to leave the bike where he found it and to call the campus police. The owner of the bike is unknown at this time.

Use the parking break
On Sept. 29, University Police was dispatched to campus lot 1 for a parking complaint. A car had rolled out of its parking spot and struck the car directly behind it. Officers pushed the car back to its original parking spot and blocked the front and back drivers side tires with blocks of wood. There was no damage to either of the vehicles.

Stolen wallet
On Sept. 30, a student reported his wallet missing. He had been playing football at Williams Stadium and placed his wallet in his shirt and placed the shirt on the side of the field around 9 p.m. At 10:30 p.m. when the football game was over, he retrieved the shirt and noticed the wallet missing. The wallet held $60 cash, a credit card and student ID card. The student did not give anyone permission to take the wallet or its contents.

OWI / Workshop trains drinkers

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insurance increase."

Aside from a skyrocketing car insurance premium, individuals will have the offense on their permanent record. While on the surface it doesn't seem to matter, there are an increasing number of employers who are looking at applicants' criminal records for such offenses when determining who they hire. For certain occupations, like those in education, having a clean record is crucial.

University Counseling and the AOD program offer a free Skillful Drinking Workshop that teaches attendees facts about drinking, how to measure a standard drink and how to measure their own BAC.

The workshop addresses the misconception that people who commit an OWI are repeat offenders. Ninety percent of people who are issued an OWI are actually first time offenders.

"I guess what all this means is that we [students] gotta be just a bit more responsible when we go out to drink," said the anonymous student.

Thesis / Act in place to protect ID

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enable a would-be identity thief to open a fraudulent account.

The practice of archiving theses in microfiche came to an end in the year 2000. The online documents contain no social security numbers.

The federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act restrict access to personally identifiable information from students' education records.

In keeping with the act, UW-Stout will share the following categories of information about students with the public unless an individual student requests otherwise.

Information about students that can be released by the university to the public:

- Name
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- Degrees and awards received
- Most recent attended educational institution

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The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office
Department of Health and Human Services
330 Independence Avenue SW
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Bill would add second student regent

Tim Solfest

On Sept. 23, the Wisconsin State Senate passed Senate Bill 85, which would add a non-traditional student to the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents. This student must be 24 years old and represent the views of non-traditional students, such as those who are employed or are parents.

The Board of Regents is the governing body of the University of Wisconsin System. The Board of Regents sets admission standards, reviews and approves university budgets, recommends tuition levels and establishes academic credit requirements.

Currently, the Board of Regents consists of 17 members, including 14 citizen members, the state superintendent of public instruction, an appointee from the Wisconsin Technical College System Board and one UW System student.

"Passing this bill on the first day of the fall session sends a strong message that the Senate leadership understands that this bill is essential to preserve students' rights," said United Council legislative director Bethany Ordaz in a press release dated Sept. 23.

The United Council of UW Students is one of the nation's largest and oldest statewide student associations, representing approximately 145,000 students on 23 UW campuses.

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Focus 2010 to focus on future of learning

Chelsea Rickert

The college student's day consists of this: get up after about four hours of sleep, shower, cram food, run to class, try to stay awake, take notes, pretend to learn, go back to the dorm and find someone who knows what professors are talking about.

Repeat. Repeat. Repeat.

In approximately seven years, the college experience at the University of Wisconsin-Stout will change with the implementation of a new initiative to focus on learning.

People know that the nation's economy is struggling more than it has since World War II. Colleges are suffering financially.

Still, through such financial crisis, Chancellor Charles Sorensen and the Chancellor's Advisory Council (CAC) seek to provide the best quality of education for the students of UW-Stout.

Every summer, Sorensen and his advisory council attend an annual retreat. The retreat concerns all aspects of the university.

This summer, the retreat focused on the value of education that UW-Stout offers versus the problem of funding.

Allen Guskin, a published writer on the topic of higher education and former Chancellor of Antioch College in Ohio, was a consultant for a project called "Future Education," and attended the retreat to help discuss important issues.

"A decade ago he [Guskin] was predicting that the state would break its pact with schools and not fund them," said Provost Robert Sedlak. "He ended up being right."

Now that state schools have extremely limited funding, money is an important issue for the school. At this summer's retreat, new ideas and ways of teaching were examined. Ways to promote UW-Stout's technical advantage were invented and the academic programs and the flexibility to provide education were looked at.

The council wants to define the meaning of UW-Stout's learning community and discuss new ways to restructure the learning process for efficiency and effectiveness. From that, Focus 2010 was created as a guideline of improving education.

"The process is in its very beginning stage of discussion," said Vice Chancellor Diane Moen. The discussion will take an entire year and be first publicly examined at public forums in November.

"It [Focus 2010] is meant to engage the campus in our discussion about the future," Moen said. "It's meant to be very creative and provocative so that we don't miss opportunities as a campus. We want input into our future rather than having the state legislature dictate our future for us."

Focus 2010 is an initiative to strengthen the value of education that UW-Stout offers.

"We need to think differently about the enterprise, about what education is about," Sedlak said. "A lot of traditions have evolved."

Sedlak believes that students today are extremely different from students 20 years ago, and require new, innovative methods of learning.

The on-campus forums in November are open to everyone from students to staff to faculty to administration.

"Students play a big role in this too," Sedlak said.

He hopes that many students will attend and have their voices and ideas heard. He also hopes that some forums may result in the piloting of new ideas that will have a deeper focus on the meaning of learning.

"Learning is important," Sedlak said. "Not [just] getting the credit."

The CAC hopes to examine a "credit hour" at the forums and why 124 credits is seen as a goal that students tend to seek before knowledge.

The council plans to ask faculty what they want students to remember from their classes.

"You forget the facts because they are disconnected facts," Sedlak said. "But, in learning, there are things you will never forget. Every class that Stout offers needs to be like that."

Above the credit value, above the awarded degree, UW-Stout wants to uphold education to the greatest value.

Sedlak believes that students should leave UW-Stout well prepared for life.

The CAC hopes to address the value of education so that the student can proudly say, "I learned. I understood. I remember."

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According to the UW System Web site, non-traditional students, defined as those over the age of 24, make up 19 percent of the total student population. At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, non-traditional students make up 11 percent of the student body.

"Hopefully it will address the problems that older students like myself face," said Bob Geving, senior majoring in psychology. "Most of us face problems understanding new technology, like this one [referring to the computer he was working on].

Some of us have children and that makes it difficult to plan classes. There are also social issues, such as the difficulties of fitting in that we deal with."

State Senator Sheila Harsdorf (R-River Falls) explained her reasoning behind being a co-sponsor for the bill.

"Decisions made by the Regents are key to maintaining a top-notch University System and appropriate student representation is vital," Sen. Harsdorf said in a Sept. 25 press release.

On April 29, the Stout Student Association (SSA) passed a resolution in support of adding an additional student representative to the Board of Regents.

"It will give them [Board of Regents] a better grasp on decisions, how it will affect you as students, and then they [Board of Regents] won't be just handing out decisions and hoping it turns out okay," said Kim Monaghan, director of legislative affairs for SSA.

According to Monaghan, SSA will be going to Madison to lobby for the bill. In order for this bill to become law, a majority vote needs to come from the State Assembly and Governor James Doyle needs to sign it into law. This could occur later this year.

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Media needs some mediation with race

The media outlets in this nation love to focus on minorities that are breaking boundaries.

A couple of weeks ago Rush Limbaugh put his foot in his mouth with some comments made on ESPN's Sunday NFL Countdown. He made a note about a quarterback receiving a lot of attention for his team's success rather than his own play.

The only reason anyone was paying a huge amount of attention to it was because two journalists in Philadelphia noticed how Limbaugh chose to word his point; instead of simply saying the quarterback got too much attention, he referred to the quarterback as a "black quarterback."

Limbaugh shouldn't have made this point and brought race into it. What does the player's race matter? No one would ever say that "white quarterback" so why say "black quarterback?"

Now take a look at that black wide receiver, Randy Moss. Gosh, he sure is quick.

That's not a phrase you're likely to hear anytime soon.

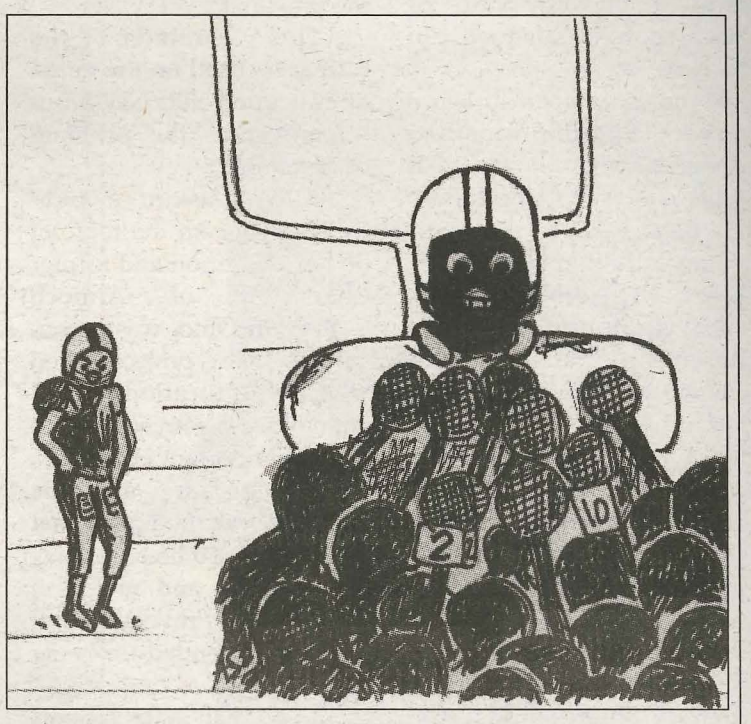
And why should you? In this modern age of human equality media outlets should not point out race when discussing a source of Sunday afternoon entertainment.

It's not like there are white quarterbacks out there not being noticed week in and week out.

Comments like that one are bound to turn up from time to time, but the way we as a society react to them is the key to evolving as a culture.

Limbaugh made a valid point: the player had been receiving lots of attention for the play of his teammates rather than his own play. But why did Limbaugh feel he needed to add race?

Or possibly more importantly, why did it become an issue at all?



Only once two journalists made an issue out of the comments did the rest of the media start to focus on the situation.

On our own campus there is a tendancy to notice race because we live in college town that does not have a large minority population of any kind.

Is this an acceptable reason to notice race? Is there such a thing as an acceptable reason to notice race? Probably not. Ideally people wouldn't notice it at all. Not ESPN analysts or commonplace Dick's and Jane's.

As a nation, we are proud of the progress we have made since the 1960's, but the road ahead must still be a long one if comments made on a football program can cause the kind of stir that these did.

Diversity is everywhere if sought



CUP O' JOEL
Joel Shaw

Cultural diversity has nothing to do with color. Diversity does not come neatly packaged in a select group of minority students. Cultural diversity is not confined to target groups identified in some academic diatribe published by a group of scholars suffering from guilt and shame.

Diversity exists at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in individuals from all walks of life and heritage. I resent the suggestion that I, of Norwegian and German descent, do not bring recognizably worthwhile elements of those two cultures with me to this campus.

I am not included in a target group of minorities. Therefore, according to the fathers and mothers of Plan 2008, I have little to offer because I lack diverse cultural experiences.

My dad's father, Carl E. Shaw (born Karl Johan Sjo), the youngest child in a Norwegian family of nine children, came to America in 1903, because his father could not support the family on the island of their birth. He settled in Esthervlle, Iowa and built many residences that stand to this day.

Karl's wife, Martha Elizabeth Sunde, was born March 13, 1881 and moved to America in 1883. Her brother, a boat builder, had been swindled by a client and lost a great deal of money. Karl brought the family to America in 1883 to work and repay his debts.

My mom's grandmother boarded a sailing vessel April 5, 1867, in Bremen, Germany. and experienced 21 harrowing days on treacherous seas, nearly sinking in the English Channel, before arriving in New York, and eventually settling in Minneapolis.

These families along with thousands more brought with them traditions, values and experiences that they hoped to pass on to the next generations. They did just that. I still hold on to many of those Norwegian and German traditions. This is cultural diversity.

However, I do not segment myself by the use of hyphenation. I do not want or need to be identified as part of a group. I am an individual with a rich and valuable history of no lesser or greater value than any other ethnic group. I desire to make a contribution founded on merit and skill rather than group identification.

The fact that I am white is pure coincidence. I am tired of being thought of as the villain, the racist. I am tired of being told that because I am white, I have it easy.

I am tired of being blamed for the errors of some individuals many years ago, far removed from the roots of my family tree. That is history.

Nobody asked me what color I wanted to be. If I move into an ethnically diverse community and become a minority, are the experiences and beliefs that I carry with me of greater value once I am the minority? No.

Would I then want to become Norwegian-American or German-American and join a fraction of hyphenated individuals? My answer is no. I would want to be known as Joel Shaw.

Hyphenation by definition joins and divides. It may join members of a group, yet divides that group from others.

This is our UW-Stout campus. Let that be the hyphen that joins us together. Let us embrace the diversity that exists here as something of value rather than something left wanting. Let us celebrate all cultures in our classrooms, not just a select few.

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Dear student, just stop drinking



JUSTSENSE
Brian Legg

Long before laptops, Pepsi or even the Baldridge award, there was something this campus was known for, partying.

With the age of corporate scholastics, we have seen the all out assault on this age-old tradition. Granted, alcohol abuse is a problem on college campuses, but in an effort to deter negative behavior, this campus sometimes engages in unethical and counterproductive practices. I understand that the aim of the Chancellor's Coalition on Problem Drinking is to address the consequences related to substance abuse, however, this vision gets blurred, no pun intended, when it over-generalizes and exaggerates that very problem.

Students who received the following letter will surely understand where I am coming from.

Dear (students name):

I want to express to you how disappointed I am in your behavior. You were cited for underage drinking this past weekend, a terrible start to your college career and to the new academic year. You have embarrassed your family, yourself and UW-Stout. I hope you learn and grow from this experience. I suggest that you see a counselor at the University Counseling Center (located in Bowman Hall, telephone 232-2468) as soon as possible and talk through why you received a citation.

This behavior can only lead to poor academic performance. In a very serious way, you need to change this behavior so you don't waste this semester or year here at UW-Stout.

Sincerely,
Charles W. Sorensen

It sucks enough getting busted for underage drinking, but to receive this letter is just salt in the wound.

Though the chancellor has the right to give advice to his students, he does not have the right to say someone has embarrassed themselves or their family. He may say, and he does, that he is disappointed in such behavior, but I'm sure after a big, fat drinking ticket, the chancellor's opinion is pretty much obsolete.

College is an experience that I think we all hope to learn and grow from, and for many students a little drinking is part of the package. After getting busted, however, students just learn how not to get caught and grow bitter toward cops and other authority figures, hardly the outcome the Chancellor was alluding to I'm sure.

The last little bits of the letter are classic examples of the aforementioned exaggeration and over-generalizing. Suggesting that students who receive drinking tickets go see a counselor is, in their minds, suggesting they are alcoholics. This coupled with the ridiculously low binge drinking amounts, five drinks in a row for men and four for women, only fuels student's desire to prove "the man" wrong by drinking to excess and still maintaining a good academic record.

Drinking cannot enhance academic performance, but it doesn't necessarily lead to poor performance as stated by the chancellor. For many students, including myself, drinking and academics can peacefully coexist.

We are all adults capable of making our own decisions and living with the consequences that come with them. Some of us can handle a little recreational consumption and some can't, but that is for each of us to find out for ourselves.

We come here to learn about life and that includes finding out how much fun we can have while still getting our work done. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. R.I.P.- Red Eye.

Celebrities should just stick to being famous



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

I recently saw a sign advertising an exhibit of some kind in the Applied Arts building that read: "If I can't be a rock star, I'll be an artist."

I couldn't help but smile at it, thinking about how people's lives and careers rarely coincide with the lives that they envisioned when they were young.

Dreams deferred, one might say, are a commonplace occurrence these days. But in other, more publicized cases, someone who has already become successful in achieving one of their dreams becomes hungry for more.

Specifically speaking, this country has a problem with famous people, who are already good at one thing and are loved for it, feeling the need to further express themselves with some other talent that they think the American public needs to be made aware of.

This was first brought to my attention when I was flipping through channels about a year or two ago and saw Jamie Lynn Seigler of "The Sopranos" fame on MTV promoting her new album.

Yes, TRL in all its wisdom devoted all of its non-video time - most of the show - to interviewing Seigler about her exciting new single.

This country is currently in the grip of an epidemic of cross-promotional celebrity career change advertising. So many stars these days that can carry a tune think that they can instantly parley their fame into another venue, without scrutiny or repute because they're famous.

Hillary Duff, for example, the oh-so-squeaky-clean Disney channel star, now has her first album out, with excited young girls chomping at the bit to buy it.

It's not just actors wanting to sing, either; the career change bug is a two-way street. Eve's new sitcom is on UPN, and Shaq is doing commercials for Radio Shack and Snickers. Shaq has acted before, but please don't make me even think, much less write about "Kazam."

This has been happening for decades, though. During his "Welcome Back Cotter" days, John Travolta had a single out, the girls from "The Facts of Life" (except for Natalie) all had albums, and both of the guys from "Miami Vice" released albums in the 80's.

People, celebrities included, need to realize, that a person should just stick to what they're good at; I mean that's why we like them in the first place, right?

Celebrity albums nearly always bomb, as do movies starring athletes. Hopefully we can resolve this issue soon, or we can all expect the Olsen Twins double album to hit stores in the near future.

Bad comedy uncalled for



NOTLAUGHING
Priscilla Williams

Unorganized, crude and disrespectful doesn't even begin to describe that evening. I heard about the intimate, personal habits of people I don't know. I was told inside jokes, and no, I'm not on the inside. Another person shared details of her personal hygiene and health in relation to her intimate, and, in my opinion, very private life.

On Sept. 24, a friend of mine asked me if I would like to attend Open Mic Night with her, as she needed to attend an event she'd never been to before. A class assignment required her to listen to and evaluate an event of her choice. Having heard good things about the art and creativity of Open Mic Nights, we naively looked forward to the evening.

What a disaster. There was nothing talented about the evening. While I am all for freedom of speech, I do not feel it was appropriate, professional or appropriate for a member of Blue Devil Productions (BDP) to share with the audience intimate details I wouldn't want to hear from my spouse; tell jokes that meant nothing to anyone outside of BDP or publicly denounce another campus organization.

My friends and I were appalled at the statements made about Campus Crusade. Yet such strong statements came from a person so cowardly that he said these things only after making sure no Crusade member was in the room. If I had the power to go back in time, I would be interested to see how the evening would have gone if we had said that yes, we are members of Crusade. While my friends and I are not members, we are Christians and were greatly offended by statements made in the interest of humor.

This same performer also made a point of making fun of my friend for doing homework, an evaluation on him. If only he had known…

Overall my friends and I were greatly disappointed, and I can assure you that none of us will be back at Open Mic Night. We'll find wholesome, creative, entertaining activities instead.

Freshmanification?



FRESHTHOUGHT
Crystal Miller

Everyone can tell the old folks from the youngens! Our University makes sure of that. Ever since the new laptop reign started, there have been distinct and matching belongings for each set of new freshmen.

This year the new freshies have big bulky backpacks and those flimsy "UW-Stout/Pepsi" sponsored key chains to make them stand out in a crowd.

"I've had one of my upperclassman friends tell me that I am standing out as a freshman with my laptop backpack," Norah Knudsen, a freshman in vocational rehabilitation stated.

The sophomores have already gone through this stereotyping with the backpacks last year, but half don't even get used.

"The main thing was the big backpack that made us stand out," said Kim Randt, a sophomore in early childhood education.

Of course, there are some positives about being in the freshman spotlight.

"I like the backpacks," said Laura Bartlett, a freshman in business. "They have a lot of compartments to keep me organized and make lives easier."

Obivously, we as freshman, don't enjoy being ridiculed, or feeling like every other freshman face in the crowd.

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You don't know me, but you will



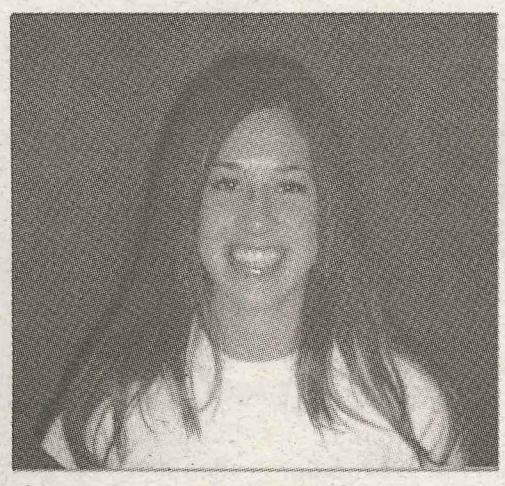
STOUTWATCH
Ann Syrstad

We have all seen people around campus that we want to talk to but don't. We may not talk to these people because we have not met them before or because of intimidation, fear or nervousness. Whatever your reasoning may be, I want to help eliminate some of this nonsense and do something different with my column.

This week I decided to step up to the plate and break the ice. I chose one male and one female UW-Stout student to introduce to the entire campus. I have interviewed both of these students and am sharing some of their responses with you.

I would also like to give special thanks to Kevin McLaughlin, a business administration senior who approached me with this idea. He felt that it would be a great chance to show the similarities that all students share with one another.

So, now when you see these people around campus, you have no excuse for not saying hi or flashing a friendly smile.



Rachel Weber - 21
Senior majoring in business

Ann Syrstad, the Stoutonia

Hometown: Holmen, Wis.
Relationship status: Engaged

Favorites:
Movie: Legally Blonde
TV Show: Friends or CSI
Beverage: Ice Tea
Bar: The Library La Crosse, Wis.
Store: Nordstrom. I love shopping there!
Shampoo: Matrix smoothing system
Professor: Bill Kryshak
Thing about Stout: The people are great!
Least favorite: The cold winters.

One word that best describes you: Persistent

White or wheat bread: Wheat

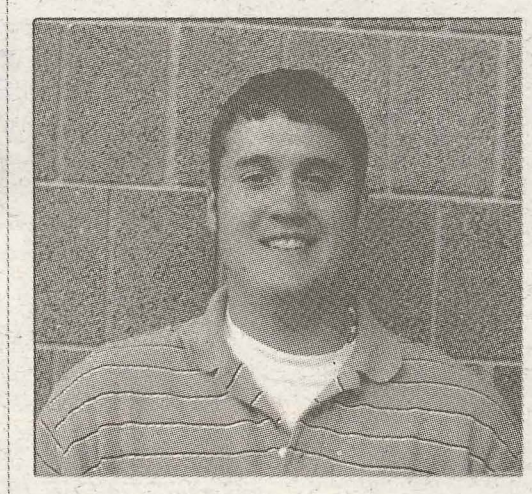
Pepsi or Coke? Diet cherry Coke
What do you do for fun? Play tennis, hang out with friends, go shopping

How do you like your eggs? I don't eat eggs, they're gross!

Biggest pet peeve? When people say "like," "um," and "you know."

Worst bad habit: Sometimes I tend to tailgate when people drive too slow

If you could marry a famous person who would it be? Colin Farrell because he is so cute!



Tim Coulson - 21
Senior majoring in business

Ann Syrstad, the Stoutonia

Hometown: Good ole Plum City, Wis. Population: 574
Relationship status: Single

Favorites:
Movies: Tombstone, Stand By Me or Tommy Boy
Beverage: Sad to say, but it is beer
Bar: They all sell beer so they are good
Favorite shampoo: Pert Plus because it is two-in-one conditioner and shampoo
Professor: Tom Voss
Thing about UW-Stout: The people are truly friendly
Least favorite: The parking

One word that best describes you: Talkative or funny

White or wheat bread: White

Pepsi or Coke: Coke

What do you do for fun? Hunt, fish, watch football, or any sport.

How do you like your eggs? Scrambled on toast with strawberry jam

Biggest pet peeve? When people leave all the dirty dishes in the sink. People could at least rinse them off.

If you could marry one famous person who would it be? Brooke Burns. Her legs are amazing and she watches football.

R.I.P. shopping around. Here comes Wal-mart



FATTIEMAGEE
Aleshia Brouwer

A while back, *The Stoutonia* determined that Wal-Mart's new grocery department has the lowest prices in town. Perhaps this is true, but I won't buy my food there.

This isn't to say I'm not a cheap college student. I'm actually on a constant crusade to save dollars and find the lowest prices. Clipping coupons is a part of my Sunday thrill.

But Wal-Mart's grocery department is crossing the line. Cheap or not, I've just grown weary of throwing my hard earned money at this giant monster.

With 36 departments, Wal-Mart has it all. They don't even give consumers the chance to go anywhere else. Even Menomonie's location is equipped with a Portrait Studio, a Kid's Connection Candy Store and a Vision Center. Need your hair cut? Wal-Mart has their very own Hair Care too!

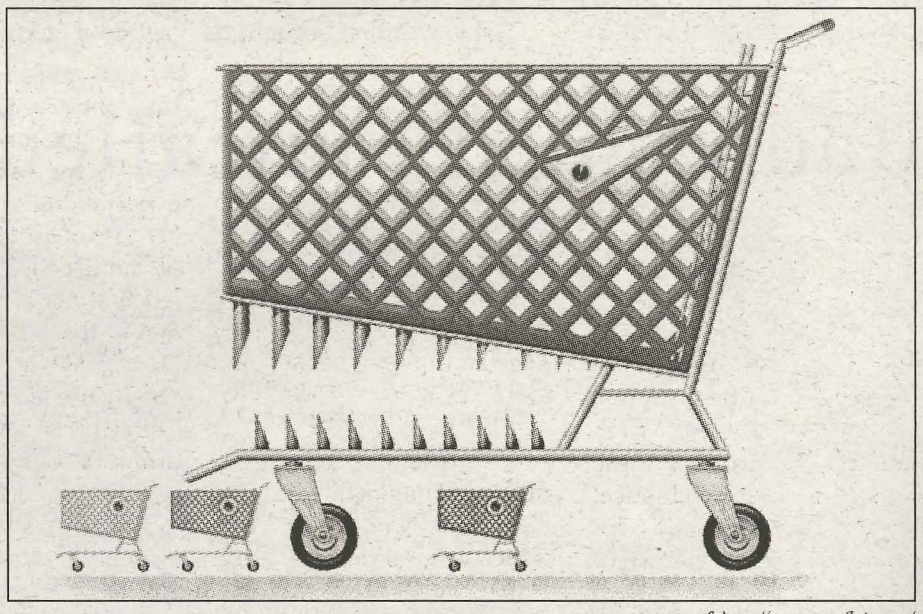
Some locations even have a Tire and Lube Express for all of your vehicle's needs. Others have a department known as "Wal-Mart Vacations." Come again?

Just the other day, I noticed living room furniture amongst their many aisles. Not just cheap tables and chairs but real plush looking sofas. What is going on here?

My roommate recently purchased a calling card from Wal-Mart. As if it's not enough that the Wal-Mart logo is plastered on the card, before the phone number will even dial out, a recording comes on.

"Remember to find all your shopping needs at Wal-Mart." Blah blah blah. But all I want to do is call home! Now I can't even do that without having a mini Wal-Mart commercial embedded in my brain.

Wal-Mart has EVERYTHING, but does anybody else see a problem with that? We no longer need the local grocery stores. We no longer need independent vision centers. Your local photographer? Soon to be out of business.



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Because really, why bother to go anywhere else when you can literally spend a whole day in one big giant retail complex that has it all. It's the place I hate, yet always end up going to.

These Wal-Mart buildings are no joke either. They're usually about two blocks long with a mile long parking lot. These blue shrines are so large that RV's park and camp out at the end of the lot. Then in the morning, where do you think they buy breakfast and other forgotten supplies? Wal-Mart, of course.

They've even expanded to Wal-Mart International. Over 1,000 stores are operating across national borders into places like Argentina, Germany and China.

We're in a time of technology and terrorism. A time of homeland security and the Wal-Martization of the world. But somehow I feel I'm making the world a better place by boycotting Wal-Mart's grocery section. It's the least I can do.

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Campus discuss- sexual assault

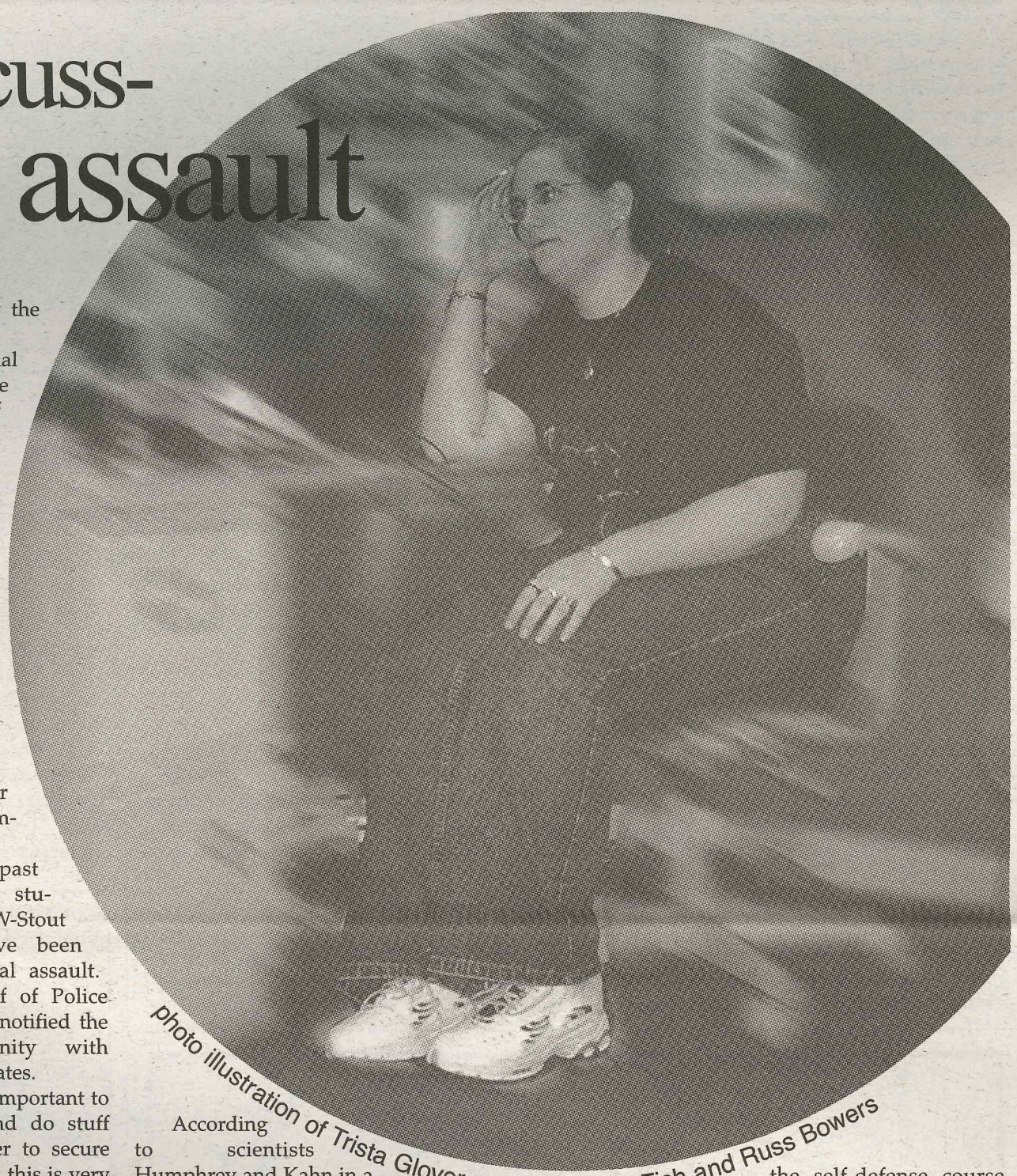


photo illustration of Trista Glover created by Jay Fish and Russ Bowers

Lara Monk

In an effort to raise awareness for sexual violence prevention, a panel of 10 spokespersons addressed University of Wisconsin-Stout students on Monday.

The event, hosted by the Stout Student Association (SSA) and the University Counseling, showcased the personal account of Trista Glover, a senior of psychology, who shared her experience of being sexually assaulted.

Last December, Glover walked home from a party with a friend after having a single drink. While talking and flirting, Glover went blank. She woke up in bed with this "friend" on top of her and blood everywhere. She jolted, screamed no and pushed him off.

He went on to pass out on the couch while she waited for him to wake up. In the mean time, she took four showers and cleaned the blood-stained sheets.

"I didn't know what else to do, but I couldn't get clean," said Glover.

Glover had previous experience with the topic of sexual assault because she was a part of support groups, but when it happened to her, she didn't know what to do.

When the perpetrator awoke, he asked her on his way out if she'd be okay. She didn't reply, but rather closed the door and went to work as she would any other day. Today Glover is still trying to piece her life back together.

Robin Abraham, a counselor from the university counseling center, opened the discussion panel with statistics from the Department of Justice. Twenty-five percent of women have been victims of some form of rape, which means 900 of the female students on the UW-Stout campus have been or will be victims of rape by the age of 24.

An additional problem is the number of assaults that are not reported. Five percent of victims report the incident. Those who choose not to report the crime do so for various reasons including embarrassment, shame, fear of publicity and blame from their family or themselves.

Within the past several weeks, students at two UW-Stout households have been victims of sexual assault. University Chief of Police Lisa Walter has notified the entire community with informative updates.

"It is really important to get involved and do stuff yourself in order to secure your own safety; this is very empowering for individuals," said Walter. "Take personal safety into your own hands."

Representing the Inter Fraternal Council was Dave Gordon, a brother of the Phi Sigma Phi Chapter. Gordon spoke on the topic of date rape and the effects of alcohol and drugs in these situations. He offered an alarming statistic from the Department of Justice: one-third of college men said they would rape someone if they knew they wouldn't get caught.

"Date rape is both physically and emotionally disturbing," said Gordon. "When someone is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, they cannot consent to sex, therefore it is rape. No means no - no matter how quiet or unconvincing it is stated."

According to scientists Humphrey and Kahn in a study conducted in 2000, when alcohol or drugs are involved in acquaintance rape - which is frequently the case - peers tend to hold women more responsible for the rape and men less responsible for it.

"There are misplaced expectations when drinking because of the alternative state of mind people are in," said Jeff Sawyer, a graduate assistant of the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Coordinator. "Many use alcohol as a justification or an excuse – sober, drunk or high – it's the same crime that occurs. Alcohol increases trust while reducing awareness."

Amy Nord, the Fleming Hall Director chose the topic of cyber-stalking. Both men and women are the victims and the perpetrators in these types of crimes. It is important to acknowledge the fact that it cannot be prevented.

"Cyber-stalking begins online and stays online," said Nord. "These people hunt you down. People need to understand that they need to guard their personal information; everything is traceable."

Cyber-stalking is stalking by the use of the Internet, instant messenger and e-mail. There are three categories of cyber-stalking offenses: child allurement, egomaniac and love obsession.

"We all have the tendency, online, to trust more than usual," said Nord. If you can't see them, they are strangers, no matter how long you've been talking to them."

Jill Jolliff, instructor and volleyball coach, spoke on the self-defense course she leads on campus. Jolliff had two male students demonstrate simple acts of self-defense that are effective when used correctly.

Jolliff spoke on the idea of being aware of your surroundings at all times. She questioned the audience of their confidence when confronted by someone unknown and stressed the importance of accessing oneself and the people in their surroundings.

"Always know who is close to you," said Jolliff. "Go window shopping and check out the reflections rather than what's in the actual windows."

Carolyn Kuether, the sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) of Dunn County, spread the word about her responsibilities as a forensics

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Safety tips for students living on and off campus

Information provided by Police Lieutenant Wendy Stelteron

1. Be sure to always lock your doors of an apt, dorm, car, etc. It has been a consistent factor; it's either done or not done.

2. Communicate with your roommates. Make a plan for the evening, so they know if you'll be home or not or when to expect you.

3. Make sure to have sufficient exterior lighting and report all suspicious activity.

4. Try to compare the person/perpetrator to someone you know, which allows you to remember more for reporting: clothing, voice, build, and body features.

5. Keep shades and blinds closed at night. You don't want perpetrators to know what rooms are where who is home at what time.

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Resume, cover letter, foot in the door

Elizabeth Erkel

The career fair this year was a must for those who have to think about completing internships or co-ops or fo those that will be graduating soon and are looking for a career.

It provided a place for students to make initial business contacts, discuss their goals and question future employers.

"Last spring we hired two students from Stout," said Rosemarie L. Smith the director of risk control at CNA Insurance, who was at the career fair.

Smith offered a professional company's perspective on internships.

"It is better and easier to bring someone up through the company [like an intern] and teach them that way, than to hire someone new," said Smith.

For those who missed the career fair or for those who just need some guidance with getting off the ground with experience, the place to go is the Co-op and Placement Service Center in the Administration building room 103.

They critique resumes and cover letters to help polish them and entice prospective employers.

"We rarely ever see a good resume, so we help mark them up," said Cheryl Lowery, the student services coordinator here at University of Wisconsin-Stout.

She says that going to the career fair is recommended for everyone because it, "opens up students eyes" to the different co-ops, internships or jobs that are out there.

There is always next October if you missed it, so start thinking about it now.

"Plan ahead. Students usually try to do one [internship/co-op] their junior or early senior year," said Lowery.

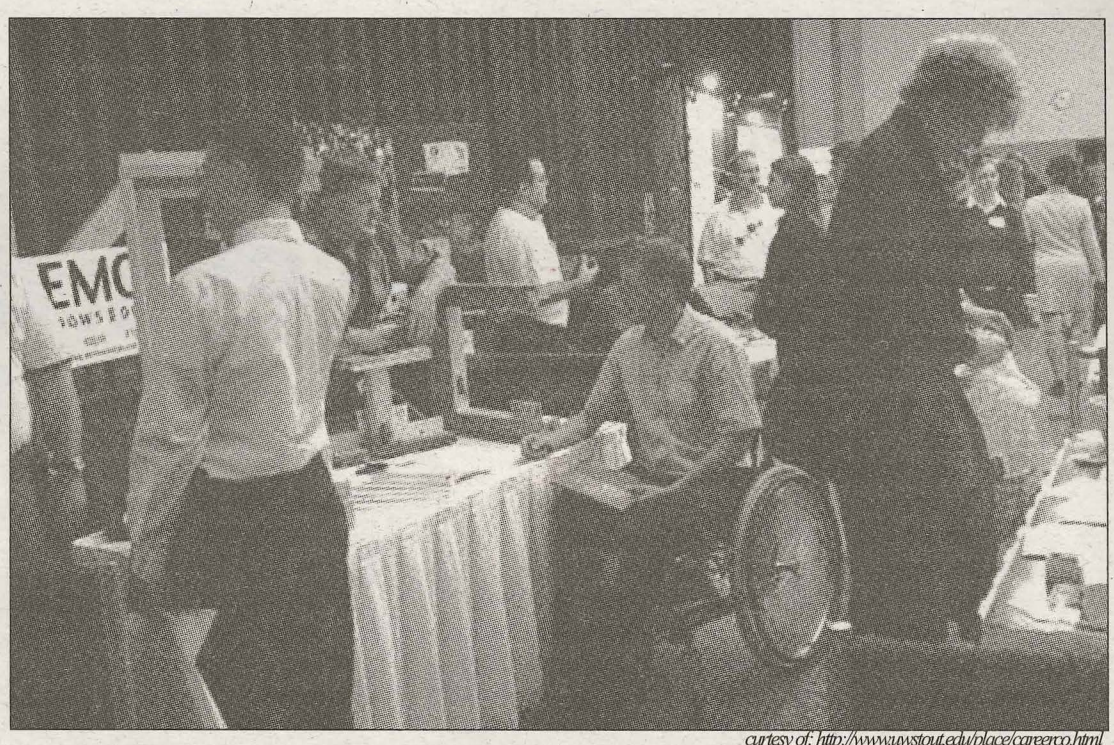
There are many other ways to go about finding internships. The career fair just makes it easy by bringing the employers to students.

"A student's school club or organization is a good place to start," said Ben Pratt, an industrial design professor.

Here students can meet many professional people and acquire contacts. Pratt also advises students to get contacts from advisors and program directors.

Pratt offered several tips to remember while internship, co-op or job searching.

His first bit of advice was to eliminate any spelling or grammatical errors in resumes and cover letters.



courtesy of: http://www.uwstout.edu/place/careerco.html

Students spent the afternoon traveling around both the Great Hall and the Crystal Ballrooms visiting the different businesses that set up booths at this year's career fair. In two days nearly 200 businesses attended.

"Send out at least 50 of your standard but personalized for each company resumes and cover letters to 50 different companies. One hundred if you are applying for a job," he added.

He advises students to be open to everything and not limit the number of places they apply.

"Don't just apply to the places offering positions, find the places that are not hiring, impress them and maybe they will hire you. If they are advertising they will get several applicants, if they are not, then you are the only one," Pratt advised.

He said a lot of companies don't know what they need. They may not be looking for a position to fill, but if they see a student's resume on their desk, they may realize that they want this person in their company. This is not an unlikely situation.

"Even if it is May, lots of businesses hire last minute," commented Pratt. However, "It is best to get them in early."

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Finding your body mind and spirit

Tiffany Laschinger

In its seventh year, the Body, Mind and Spirit conference has reached well over 1,000 people from all ages and ethnicities on October 10-12 at University of Wisconsin-Stout.

UW-Stout professor of psychology Tom Franklin and professor of human development Bob Salt, were connected through a former colleague because of their similar interests in alternative healing and spiritual practice.

Inspired by conferences they attended around the world on this subject, they decided to create a conference that could bring this topic to people locally.

"This is a counterculture movement we tapped into," said Franklin. "It's not what your physician prescribes or what your pastor recommends."

This three day event brings speakers, presenters and exhibitors from all over the country and beyond to Menomonie in order to share their wisdom with attendees. The 35 presenters put on various sessions including anything from the power of Reiki healing to self- hypnosis to music therapy.

"I get refreshed [every year] because we seem to get this instant connection of human souls," said Salt. "It reminds me of how good people can be."

Rita Martino a graduate students in marriage and family therapy has never attended a conference, but will this year for one credit.

"I am very involved in expanded consciousness, said Martino. "I've heard [the conference] is really good, which is Stout's fashion for everything."

Salt and Franklin work hard to seek out qualified people to speak at the conference through a network of connections they have from constant research and personal interest.

"We keep up with who is publishing and writing on these topics," said Salt.

They try to reach out to as many people as possible and also rely on word of mouth as well as mailing conference brochures.

"A lot of times presenters are past students," said Franklin. "Now they have something to share."

Many exhibitors are local business owners, but some come from miles away to feature their products, services or ideas.

"It's not about business, but big hearts," said Franklin.

"It's about sharing what you know to the world," Salt added.

Students can receive credits for attending the event for a $35 fee plus the cost of the credits. The cost for students for both Saturday and Sunday is $95 and an additional $60 if they wish to attend the pre-conference on Friday. Most of the cost is administrative fees such as the building rental, meal costs and advertising.

Those interested can contact Stout Solutions at 232-2693 or come on the day of the conference with money for registration.

Franklin adds, "Human potential is being the most whole person you can be of your body, mind and spirit."

Assault / panel gives information

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nurse. Kuether is in charge of the examinations of assault victims; sometimes her intricate examination can take two to four hours.

"All walks of life and women of all ages are victims of sexual assault," said Kuether. "We encourage everyone to report the crime. They can change their mind at anytime and they have a 100 percent say in what happens."

Danielle Barta, a practicum counselor, shared the psychological effects a victim may experience after an assault.

"There are multiple responses to a sexual assault," said Barta.

The early effects include numbness, detachment, anger, fear, helplessness and confusion. Often these lead to difficulties with sleep and concentration, flash backs of the assault and a decreased interest in affection. The long-term effects also vary, but depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, drug/alcohol abuse and eating disorders are common.

Sarah Cho Kim, a practicum counselor, explained that a person's race might play a roll in the likeliness to report violent, sexual crimes.

"American Indians are more apt to report crimes; they are also more at risk to be assaulted," said Cho Kim. "Asian values discourage reporting such crimes that bring shame to families and community members."

The night's event came to a close after the audience members had an opportunity to ask the individual panel members questions. If you were unable to attend the event and have any lingering questions on the topic of sexual violence, call the University Counseling Center at 232-2468.

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The 411

Oct. 9 to Oct. 16

Thursday, Oct. 9
>Open Mic, 8 p.m., MSC, free

Friday, Oct. 10
>Domestic Awareness Candlelight Rally, 5:30 p.m., Wilson Park
>Side Walk Slam, punk band, 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, free
>Soccer University of Mary v.s. UW-Stout, 7 p.m

Saturday, Oct. 11
>Body, Mind, Spirit Conference, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., MSC

Sunday, Oct. 12
>Body, Mind, Spirit Conference, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., MSC
>Josie Mae Benefit, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Menomonie Moose Lodge (9th Street & 19 Ave.)
>Dana Robinson Festival Organ, 2 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theatre $8 students $10 adults
>MHS Marching Band Invitational, 3 p.m., Williams Stadium

Monday, Oct. 13
Columbus Day
>Drag Show, 8 p.m., Great Hall, free

Tuesday, Oct. 14
>Soap Box Derby, 2 p.m. MSC South Lawn

Wednesday, Oct. 15
>Recycled Percussion, 8 p.m, MSC
>Volleyball UW-Eau Claire v.s. UW-Stout, 7 p.m., Johnson Fieldhouse

Thursday, Oct. 16
>Pumpkin Seed Spitting Contest, 1:30-4:30 p.m., MSC Lawn
>Battle of the Bands, 8 p.m., MSC, free

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Trendy tips, fab fashion



Courtesy of: www.bravotv.com

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is one of the newest reality shows on television this season. The show's creators attempt to implement a balanced perspective, being that one is a heterosexual man and the other is a homosexual man. "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is gaining popularity.

Janelle Klander

There are so many reality television shows on today. Everybody wants to be made over to modernize their lifestyle, so why not let five gay guys help out in the process.

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is one of the newest reality shows based on making people over, although this show proves to be different.

"I think it's funny," said Roz Hildebrand, a freshman in marketing and business education.

During each episode, five homosexuals, who are known as the "Fab Five," attempt to transform one helpless, straight guy into a trendy, clean and somewhat cultured individual.

Each of the five gay men is an expert in the following: fashion, culture, grooming, interior design and food and wine.

They do their best to revamp the heterosexual's lifestyle in each one of these areas and prepare him for a date with his girlfriend.

The straight guy is taught how to act on the date as well as instructed on how to make dinner.

The dinner is usually a very refined, sophisticated meal that is semi difficult to make.

The "Fab Five" then watch their creation prepare himself and the meal in time for his date. Things don't always go that smoothly, and the men crack jokes at the mistakes and slip-ups of the confused straight man.

"It's sad they portray gays as being hard core women when in reality that is not how they are," said Hildebrand.

Society labels homosexual men as being trendy and cultured. Other television shows depict the same stereotypes. In "Will and Grace," Will and Jack are shown to be extremely trendy and cultured.

"Maybe it's more popular today because society has more acceptance for gays than it did five years ago," said Justin Vrooman, a freshman majoring in construction management.

Not only do the "Fab Five" help with the makeover, but they also have tips that viewers can use throughout the show--"hip tips." They even provide meanings to trendy words that most people aren't aware of.

"It's funny and somewhat real-life," said Courtney Stensven, a junior in family and consumer science education. "It's not a stupid sitcom that tries to make you happy with untrue stuff."

If you're looking for a good laugh or want to know some fashion tips, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is worth checking out. The show airs Tuesday

HOMECOMING 2003 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 13
DRAG SHOW
MSC, Great Hall, 7 p.m.
FREE

Penny Wars Start!
SOC Desk, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14
SOAP BOX DERBY
MSC, South Lawn
Construction Begins at 12:01p.m.
Races begin at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15
RECYCLED PERCUSSION
MSC, Great Hall, 8 p.m.
Students $5 / Public $10
$1 more day-of-show / $1 off e-coupon on website

Thursday, Oct. 16
BATTLE OF THE BANDS
MSC, Great Hall, 8 p.m.
Free Admission

Penny Wars End at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17
FOB STUNT NITE
MSC, Great Hall, 7 p.m.
Students $3 / Public $3
FREE admission
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Saturday, Oct. 18
PARADE 11 a.m.
Parade line-up @
Dunn Co. Recreation Park
9 a.m.

FOOTBALL GAME
Williams Stadium, 1 p.m.
UW-Stout Blue Devils VS.
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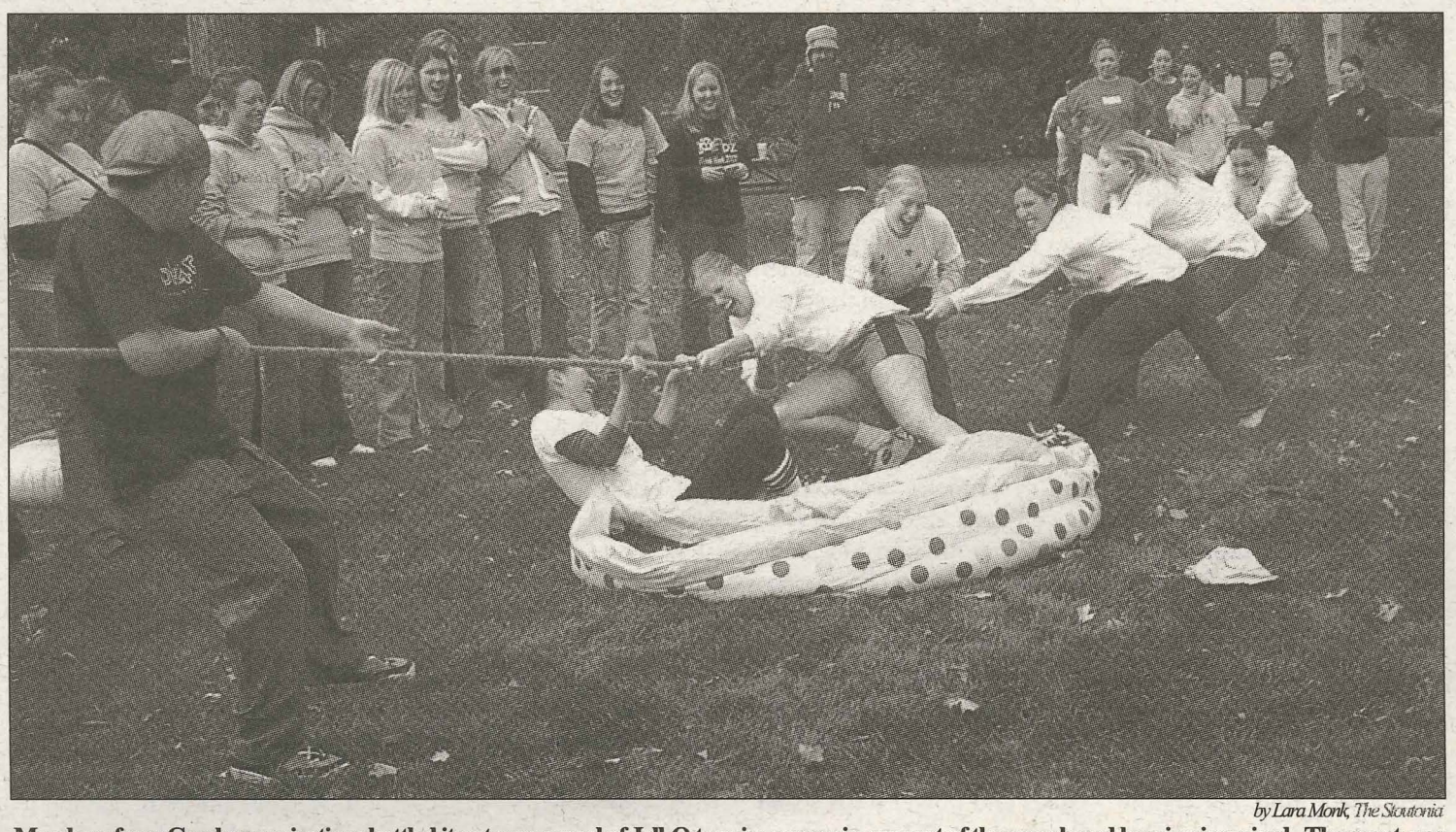
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WOMEN'S RUGBY
Multi-Purpose Field
11 p.m.
UW-Stout VS. UW-Milwaukee

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Tough turtle tug for big bucks

Lara Monk



by Lara Monk, The Stoutonia

Members from Greek organizations battled it out over a pool of Jell-O to raise money in support of the speech and hearing impaired. The event was organized by members of Delta Zeta and raised $340 for the cause. First place winners were awarded a $30 gift certificate to Applebee's.

The first annual Turtle Tug 2003 was hosted on Saturday, Oct. 4. on the south campus lawn outside Micheels Hall, by Delta Zeta. Five teams, with six people per team, formed to struggle over a swimming pool consisting of 10 pounds of green Jell-O. The Stout Student Association (SSA), Tri Sigma, Sig Tau, Phi Theta Chi and a group of random UW-Stout students represented the five teams.

"This is the first year we've been able to have the Turtle Tug, even though we've been trying for the past two years," said Rachel Tierney, a junior in early childhood education. "It wasn't really well known by students, and it was hard to promote; but we're doing it again next year, and it will be a lot bigger."

The top three teams not only took home a homemade turtle trophy, but each team won a gift certificate of some kind. The first place team, consisting of random students, won $30 to Applebees; the second place team, represented by Sig Tau, won $20 to Perkins; everyone else, including third place SSA, took home McDonalds' gift certificates.

"I was really impressed for the turn out we had for the first year," said Lindsey Grant, a freshman in retail merchandizing management. "Everyone was real enthusiastic about the tug-of-war and getting soaked in the Jell-O."

The Turtle Tug raised $340 towards the sorority's philanthropy: speech and hearing impaired, plus an additional $50 donation from Chancellor Charles Soronsen. Every year the sorority hosts a fundraiser for the cause. This year they have two yearlong fundraisers: collecting pop tabs and dimes. The collection of pop tabs supports the Ronald McDonald Foundations and the Dimes for the Deaf donation supports their philanthropy.

Following the slip-fall-and-fight episode, Jell-O covered participants enjoyed free hot dogs and juice. Cut Rite Meat donated 100 hot dogs for the event, along with Market Place's $20 donation for juice and cups.

"Next year we're going to try and do this earlier in the year to bring in more people during the warmer weather," said Tierney. "This is a huge event for other sororities in our chapter, and we hope to make it just as big at Stout."

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The Delta Zeta sorority is always looking for new members. If you enjoy serving your community, sororities offer numerous possibilities throughout the school year, plus it's an opportunity to meet more women on the UW-Stout campus.

"We will be having upcoming continuous open bidding (COB) events, [where] we hold dinners and [arrange] time for hanging out with all the girls so that new girls who are interested in joining the sorority get a chance to meet all the girls, hang out and see the house," said Tierney.

If you're interested in joining Delta Zeta, contact Rachel Tierney by e-mail: tierney-chavezr@uwstout.edu.

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Trashy music tosses tradition, Tupperware

Eric Iverson

Recycled Percussion, a four-man group that uses garbage clutter as drums, will be performing at the Memorial Student Center (MSC) Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m.

From power tools to scuba tanks, the ensemble originating from New England uses a variety of recycled goods to create sounds of hip-hop, jazz, funk, Latin and rock and roll.

"We are the group that makes music from trash and leaves you thoroughly funked," said Justin Spencer, manager and band mate. "We build our instruments out of your junk and then we rock the house."

Front-man Spencer's early days in music were spent disrupting his mother's Tupperware parties by beating on all the plastic bowls and objects with two wooden spoons. Fast-forward to high school where Spencer found jazz, marching and concert band; these somewhat bland options caused him to start a band that played on recycled objects instead of drums.

Recycled Percussion's first performance finished second place at a high school talent show, prompting a principal to offer the band a couple hundred dollars. The band snowballed from there, landing spots on TV shows and eventually a two-page cover story on *USA Today*.

The four-year-old band has an energetic stage presence with heart-pounding beats which has excited audiences in over 40 states.

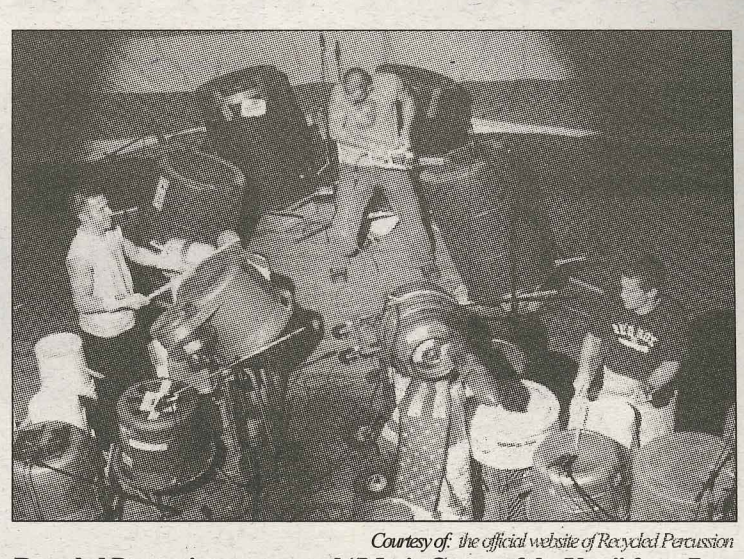
"People that come to this show are going to experience a night filled with grooves, chaos and power tools," said Spencer. "The Recycled Percussion show is intended to transform your thoughts of what is going on around you."

The band has shared the stage with big-name performers such as LL. Cool J, Godsmack and Staind. Recycled Percussion has also performed on "Late Night," "Talk Soup," HBO and at the San Francisco 49ers' halftime show.

The group was one of the hottest acts at the National Association for College Activities (NACA) this year, blowing audiences away and generating a record-breaking 100 co-op buyers. The band also won best music performers of 2003 from Campus Activities magazine.

Last February, Recycled Percussion performed for a packed house in the Great Hall pulling out all the stops from chainsaws to 50-gallon drums.

"They are a great alternative to the $80 dollar tickets for Stomp," said Nick Burr, a senior in telecommunications who saw the show last spring. "Both bands rock the hell out of random garbage."



Courtesy of: the official website of Recycled Percussion

Recycled Percussion was named "Music Group of the Year" for college bands according to its website. The group performs Oct. 15 in the MSC.

Opening for Recycled Percussion is the hand drumming club, which consists of UW-Stout students playing a variety of hand drums.

The event is sponsored by UW-Stout's Blue Devil Productions (BDP). The cost is $5 dollars for students and $10 dollars for the public. Tickets can be purchased at the student desk in the MSC. Also, online coupons can be printed out and used from BDP's website at bdp.uwstout.edu. For questions call 232-2432.

Jack Black lacks laughs, kids steal stage



MOVIE REVIEW
Glenn Hintze

For those about to rock, Jack Black salutes you! Well, he tries to, at least. The new comedy "School of Rock" is big on the classic rock, but falls short on the comedy. Unfortunately for Black, it's mostly his fault.

In the movie, Black plays Dewey Finn, a washed out wannabe rocker. He lives with Ned (Mike White), an old band mate, who gave up the music for a job as a substitute teacher, and Patty (Sarah Silverman), Ned's pedantic, controlling girlfriend. Ned and Patty are nagging Dewey for back rent, so he decides the solution is to win the big prize at the local battle of the bands. Problem is, his band kicks him out. He's got no job, no money, and no band. While trying to come up with a plan to make the money, the phone rings. A ritzy prep school is looking for Ned to come teach a precocious fourth grade class. Dewey, needing the big payday, pretends to be Ned and takes the job.

Let's analyze this situation. A private grade school that charges $13,000 per year tuition doesn't check the substitute teacher's identification. Yes, this is a movie, and movies stretch the truth, but there are some things that are just too difficult to believe. Even harder to believe, the principal of the school (Joan Cusack) is smitten by Dewey, even after she finds out he pulled the wool over her eyes.

Somehow Dewey manages to get past this little detail and sits back waiting to collect his pay, oblivious to the pleas of some of the students to actually teach something. He changes his mind after overhearing the kids in their music class. The prodigal students go from classical to classic rock, and the school of rock is now in session.

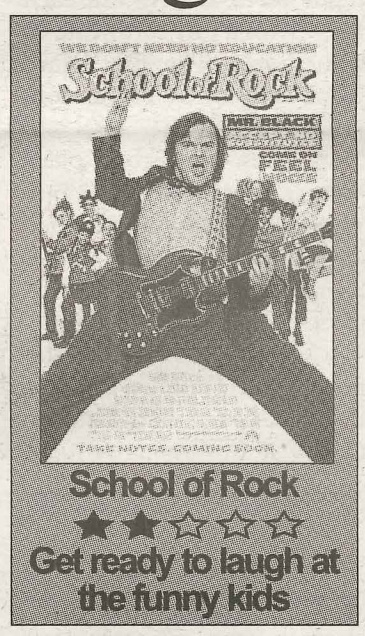
The funniest parts of the movie are the scenes that follow, as Dewey tries to convert these grade school kids into rock stars. Most of the comedy comes not from Jack Black but from the kids themselves. The music was actually performed by the child actors, which is impressive enough because most of the children had no film acting experience whatsoever. These are truly tomorrow's stars.

Unfortunately, where the children impress, Jack Black disappoints. He does have his moments, including the hilarious scene in which he rants about "The Man," but these moments are too few and far between, and often his shtick is cringe-worthy.

My criticism of the movie was hardly shared throughout the theatre, however.

"Don't listen to him; it was funny," interjected Erinn Nelson, a freshman psychology major, as I ranted about the movie.

It may have just been me. Laughs were bountiful from everywhere but my seat, but the audience did boast an impressive amount of 15 year olds. If you know one, take one, I'm sure he or she will enjoy it.



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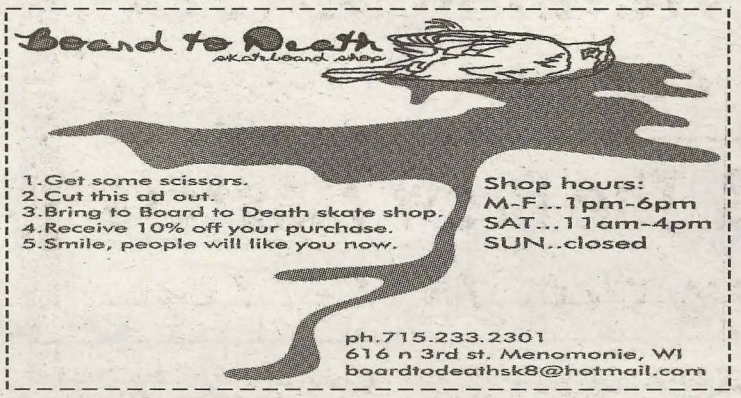
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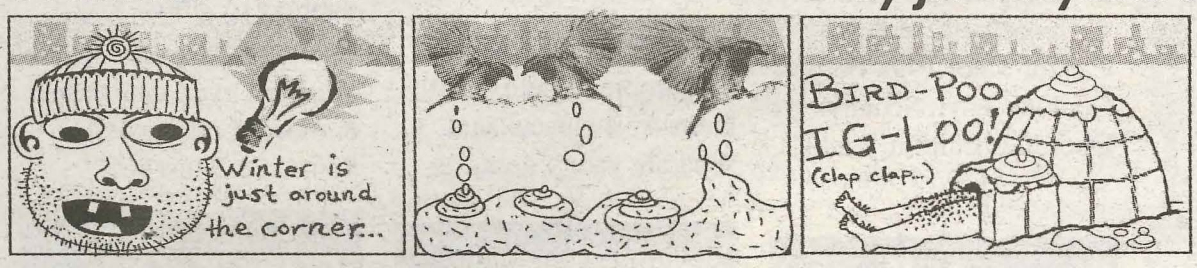
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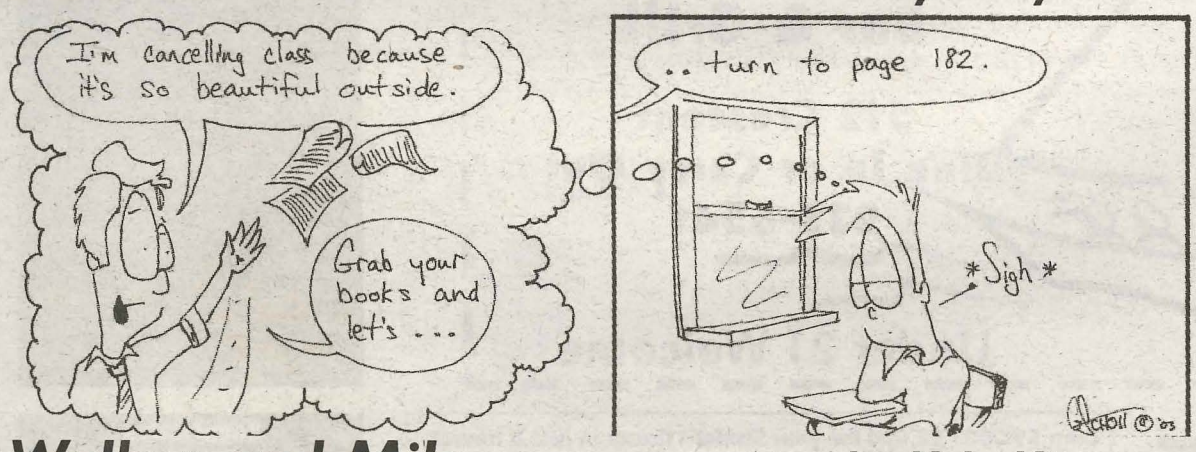
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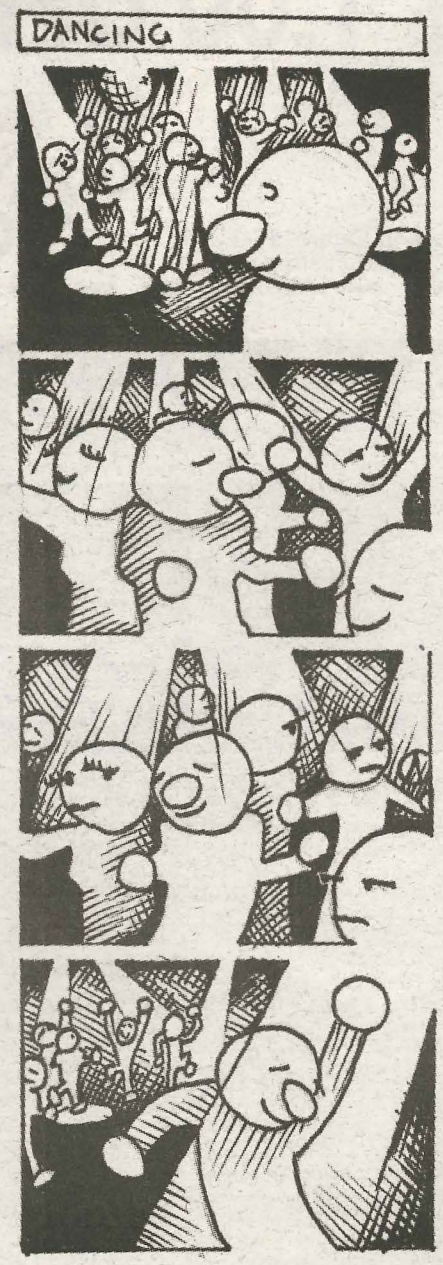
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by Aaron Krueger



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by Andy Christensen



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Reviewing the week in sports

Wesley Simonis

Football

With two University of Wisconsin-Stout football players, Ryan Englebert and Matt Sprester, hospitalized during the week due to an auto accident, the UW-Stout football team could not catch the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and lost 15-7 on Oct. 4.

The Blue Devils trailed the entire game and could only assemble one ten-yard touchdown by quarterback Nick Ohman with just over a minute left.

Key injuries and poor field position throughout the game impaired UW-Stout's offense: they accumulated 237 total yards. There were 10 punts and senior Luke Bundgaard rushed for 87 yards.

The UW-Stout defense worked hard at keeping the Titans at bay holding them to only 387 total yards, one touchdown and three field goals. The Blue Devils travel to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Oct. 11.

Soccer

The UW-Stout women's soccer team came up short in a grueling match against UW-Oshkosh losing 1-0. The Titans' Karin Reinke came up with the game-winning goal in the 52nd minute, and the Titans managed to hold on for the victory. Carrie Schrank and Kristy Symons both came up with close chances to score in the second half for the Blue Devil but could not convert them into goals. The soccer team will face Augsburg College on Oct. 8.

Volleyball

UW-Stevens Point gave UW-Stout more than it could handle in a 30-28, 10-30, 30-24, 24-30, 15-12 loss on Oct. 3. The Pointers had 14 kills from Melissa Weber and 12 kills by Nichole Stahovich.

UW-Stout (12-9, 0-3) had 17 kills from Gretchen Schroer, and Kjersti Hamlin had 13. Stout trailed overall in kills 57 to 56 and had 20 attack errors. The volleyball team will be at the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Oct. 8.

Cross Country

Although Dave Huber was taking off his warm-ups when the starting gun went off, the veteran took the late start and still went on to win the 8-kilometer run at the Midwest Short/Long Course Challenge, Friday, Oct. 3 at Whitetail Golf Course. Huber, who was a redshirt last season, managed to edge out Kelly Fulton of St. Olaf by only four seconds. On the Women's side, freshman Krista Jahimiak placed fourth and Tracy Oostdyk placed 11 in the 6-kilometer run as UW-Stout placed sixth overall.

The Cross Country team will be at the Pine Hill Invitational, Saturday, Oct.

Fantasy Football Corner

with Jimmy Weideman



Among some friends, bragging rights are a way of life. At this time of year, there are no bigger bragging rights than being a top fantasy football league. So, I have decided to provide you some guidance when managing a fantasy football team. Fantasy football is all about picking studs with sleepers and leaving the duds on the bench. So, I have compiled a list of quarterbacks, runningbacks and wide receivers that received the most fantasy points.

Studs
(Expect big numbers)

Quarterback

Peyton Manning vs. Carolina – Manning is over looked very often, but he has eight TDs in the last two games.

Running back

Jamal Lewis vs. Arizona – One of the most overlook running backs in the NFL. Don't over look him this week when he plays Arizona.

Wide Receiver

Marvin Harrison vs. Carolina – Harrison is the best receiver this year. He just does his job week by week.

Sleepers
(Could do well)

Quarterback

Marc Bulger vs. Atlanta – Bulger is now the starting QB of the Rams. He is hot right now and there playing the weak Atlanta defense.

Running back

Fred Taylor vs. Miami- This running back is finally healthy. For the first time in two years. He is playing like his rookie year.

Wide Receiver

Hines Ward vs. Denver – Hines and the Pittsburg offense have not had a break out game yet, this could be the game.

Duds
(Just bad)

Quarterback

Vinny Testaverde vs. Buffalo – Testaverde has shown why he was benched last year. This year he has thrown two TDs and two INTs.

Running back

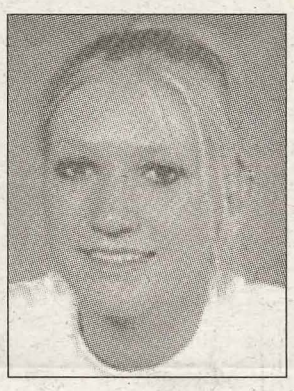
Curtis Martin vs. Buffalo- Martin has not shown up at all this year. The Jets have no passing game, which does not help Martin.

Wide receiver

Anquan Boldin vs. Baltimore – He may be the best rookie Wide Receiver, but his QB won't be able to throw with this defense their playing.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Krista Jahimiak



The Facts:
Cross Country
Freshman
La Crosse, Wis.
Psychology

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

Krista finnished 4th place in the Midwest short/long Challenge on Oct. 3. It was only Krista's second race as a collegiate runner, and she finnished with a time of 23:03.

She was named team MVP, made all-state in cross country and track and was 2003 school athlete of the year.

Four-times she competed at State and was one of the top 20 finisher three of those times. Her team placed second and fifth at the state meet; she was also named team captain and earned all-conference honors.

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Cross country storms home meet

Rebecca Werner

University of Wisconsin-Stout co-hosted a race in Colfax, Wis. on Friday Oct. 3. The men's and women's cross country teams used the home meet to improve their record and show the other teams their potential.



courtesy of, Sports Information
Senior Dave Huber earned first place at his last cross country race.

"In the large race we were sixth place," said women's coach Joe Harlan. "We were only 33 points away from third, which is good because we were eleventh place two years ago and eigth last year. It looks like we can make the jump up to third next year."

The women's team has been lead most of the season by senior co-captain Tracy Oostydk, but freshman Krista Jahimiak took the lead last Friday.

"My place was fourth," said freshman psychology major Jahimiak. "My time was 23:03 for the 6K or 3.7 miles."

Jahimiak has been out for most of the season due to a quadracept injury. The Midwest Short and Long race at Colfax was only her second race of the season.

The cross country season is only three weeks away from the WIAC [Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference] championships.

"Conference is still unbelievably tough," said Harlan. "Regionals is where we'll see a huge difference; I think we can be in the top 10 out of 41 this year."

The men's team also had some reasons to be pleased last friday.

"The men placed well," said men's head coach Josh Buchholtz. "Having Dave Huber back was a huge boost and everyone was a year stronger and faster."

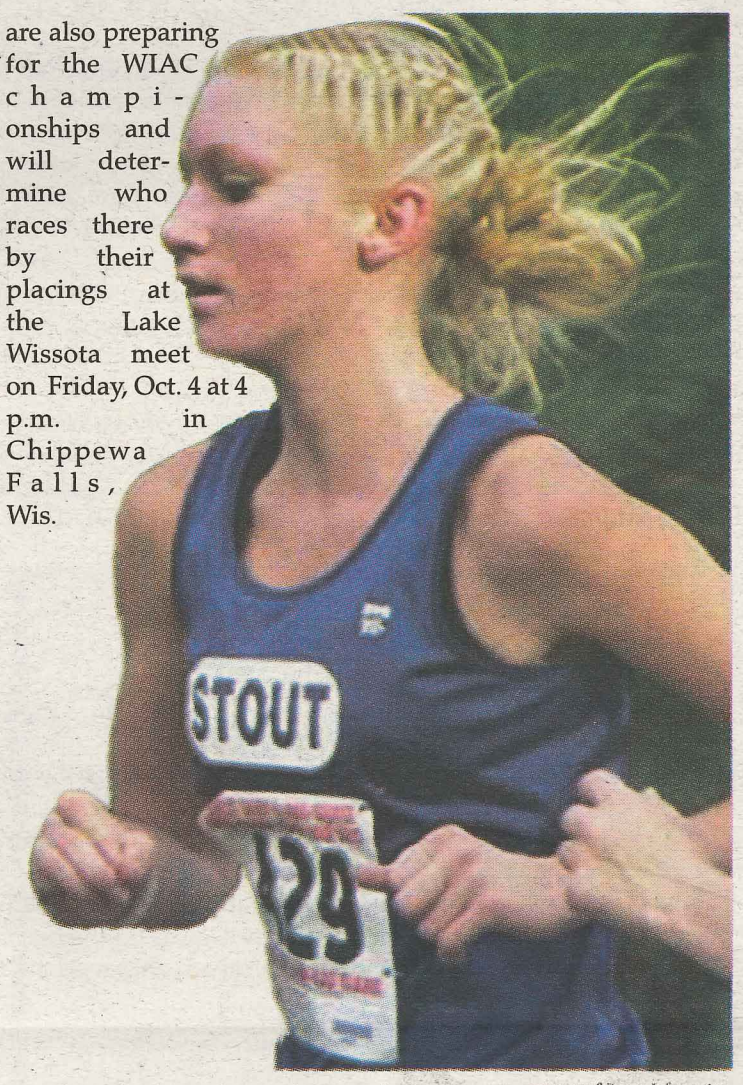
Huber was still tangled up in his warm-up suit when the gun went off, but it seemed to have little effect on his race.

"Dave won it last year and this year," said Buchholtz. "He did real well."

UW-Stout's men's team placed eighth in the 8K and seventh in the 5K races.

"The highlight for us in this is that 90 percent of the guys who ran had PR s [personal records]," said Buchholtz. "We have been training really hard and it has been nice to see them come through on our home course."

The 19 men's members are also preparing for the WIAC championships and will determine who races there by their placings at the Lake Wissota meet on Friday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. in Chippewa Falls, Wis.



courtesy of, Sports Information
Freshman Krista Jamiak ran her second intercollegiate race last Friday. She took fourth place and came in first for the Blue Devils.

UW-Stout football player rivals with cancer

Rebecca Werner

Being involved in extracurricular activities and maintaining a job keeps most students busy. For junior construction major Trevor DeLong, a diagnosis of cancer took his college career to a new level.

In Feb. of 2003, 21-year-old DeLong was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease.

"Hodgkin's disease is lymphatic," said DeLong. "If you are going to get cancer it's the best kind to get."

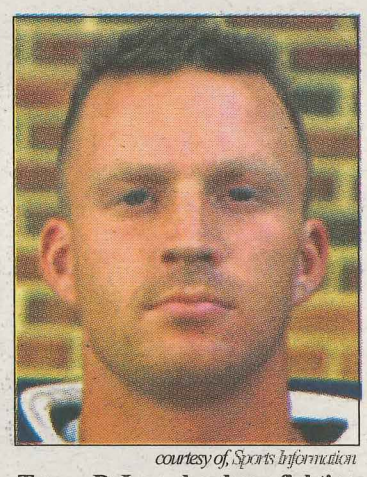
DeLong has played football for the University of Wisconsin-Stout for the past two years.

One might assume that a student would put his season on hold in order to focus on battling his disease, but DeLong was not set back.

"I managed to make it through fall camp and made all of the special teams," said DeLong. "That's pretty exciting for me."

DeLong commented that the treatment was the hardest thing about having cancer.

The two types of treatment DeLong underwent were radiation therapy and chemotherapy.



courtesy of, Sports Information
Trevor DeLong has been fighting cancer but the future looks clear.

"I was going through radiation therapy during [football] camp," said DeLong. "We had two-a-days and I would go for treatment in-between."

Some might think that athletic activities would delay the rate of being cured, but DeLong's girlfriend and UW-Stout alumni Kelly Hillman said it was the team that contributed to his quick recovery.

"I know that him being a part of the team helped him a lot," said Hillman. "The team gave him something to focus on; looking forward to playing helped him to get through it."

DeLong's persistence and enthusiasm over the last eight months has earned him respect among those close to him.

"It [the cancer] seemed to be more of a bother," said Colin DeLong, Trevor's older brother. "He's just been amazing though; it could easily keep people down, but he kept cracking away through it."

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Not only accomodations, but also tolerance is needed for students that have a disability.

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Frosh to get advice, counsel

First-year advising program focuses on student needs more than classes

Tim Solfest

This year's freshmen are part of a new advisement program that began before they even arrived on campus.

The First-Year Freshman Advising Program takes a holistic approach towards advising. This summer, freshmen were asked to respond to an inventory developed by Noel-Levitz, a consulting firm for enrollment management services, like student retention.

The inventory was designed to compare the respondent to freshmen across the country in the areas of high school experience, academic abilities, social support systems and general coping skills.

According to Shirley Murphy, associate dean of students, the information obtained from the inventory was compiled into individual reports on each student and given to freshmen advisors.

The advisors then use the report to learn about an advisee's predicted difficulty with academics, educational stress, dropout proneness and receptivity to academic help.

The need for an advising program for new freshmen was discovered after the university looked at its freshmen retention rate and the results of a national survey it took part in.

"We've been using the National Survey of Student Engagement for the past four to five years and we found out that academic advising was one of the areas we haven't done well," said Murphy.

The program incorporates program advisors that all UW-Stout students are familiar with but also adds first-year advisors just for freshmen.

There are seven freshman advisors who all hold a master's degree in either counseling or education counseling. They advise students with majors in similar areas such as technology, education and business.

"The freshmen advisors serve as the 'go-to' person for the freshmen," Murphy said. "The program is about how we can help you succeed at UW-Stout in any way."

The advisors last met with their advisees for a mandatory meeting on the day before classes. Ninety-three percent of the freshmen class went the the meeting.

"She [my advisor] helped me out with figuring out which classes to take," said Bridgette Worzella, a freshman majoring in retail merchandising and management. "I am [now going to be] taking classes that are in the field and general ones."

Like the rest of the student population at UW-Stout, freshmen are still strongly encouraged to participate in advisement day on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

"I have to go to my [first year] advisor, and then I have to meet with my program advisor on Tuesday," said Brian Herzfeldt, a freshman majoring in manufacturing engineering. "I am not sure what to expect."

Although not all freshmen know what to expect, Dean of Students Pinckney Hall has expectations.

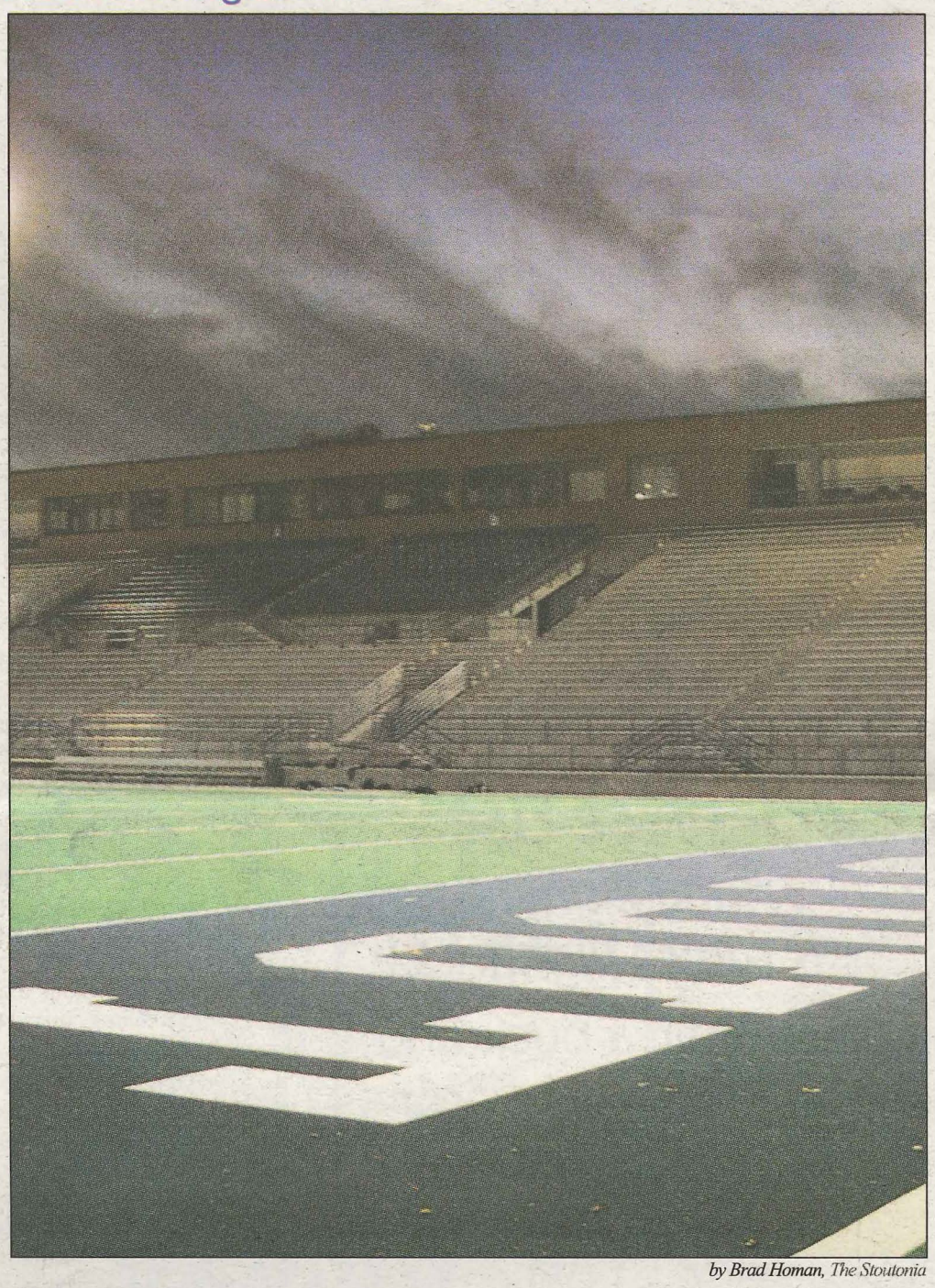
"The freshmen first-year program allows students to get into the positive mind frame to utilize advisors later," Hall said.

Hall explained that the university shared governance committee in charge of the academic calendar is currently having a university-wide discussion about the value of setting aside a day every semester for advisement.

"I think that faculty and staff appreciate having this day," Hall said. "I know that certain faculty have their entire day filled with half-hour appointments.

"However, I know that students have questions about the value of it."

Homecoming 2003: Welcome back, alumni!



by Brad Homan, The Stoutonia

Menomonie, UW-Stout officials: no riots here

David Erichsen

Law enforcement officials for the City of Menomonie and the University of Wisconsin-Stout believe that local residents need not be worried about potential rioting this homecoming weekend.

As usual, the departments will have extra officers on duty this weekend, but no extra effort to curtail potential violence or rioting will be taken this year.

"I'm confident that Stout students are responsible and respectful of other people's rights and property and we at the Menomonie police department don't anticipate any problems," said Menomonie Chief of Police Dennis Beety about the department's view on the matter.

Mankato police arrested 45 individuals on the night of Oct. 4, when rioting broke out in the parking lot of an off-campus student apartment complex following Mankato State University's homecoming game. Those arrested made up only a fraction of the estimated 3,000 other participants who collectively destroyed between $100,000 and $200,000 worth of city and private property.

Police were dispatched to the 1500 block of Monks Ave. sometime around 10:30 p.m., when the crowd's disorderly conduct was initially reported; however, before local law enforcement agencies could gather the number of officers required to take on such a mob, hundreds of students and Mankato residents alike had joined the mass of people in the lot.

Police were twice overwhelmed by the group and forced to retreat and reorganize. After six hours, the 160 officers at the scene managed to disperse the crowd using pepper-pellet projectiles and

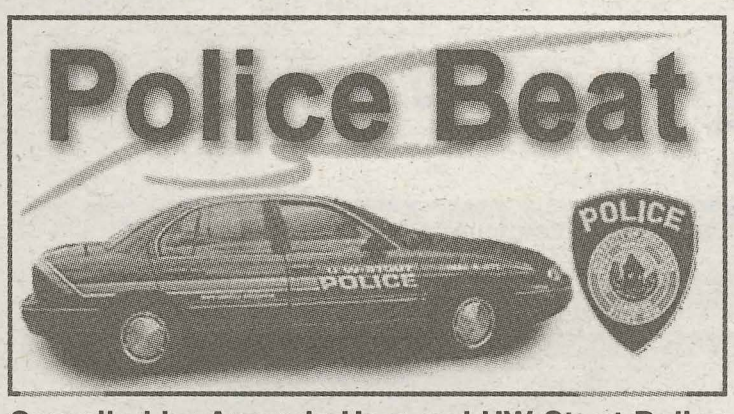
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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 55° Low 41° Partly Cloudy	High 73° Low 47° Partly Cloudy	High 71° Low 58° Partly Cloudy

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Hit and run
On Oct. 11, a student reported a hit and run incident on the 1400 block of 3rd Street E. The student's 1990 Toyota Camry was parked on the east side of the street and was unattended for about 10 minutes. When the student returned to his vehicle, the driver side fender had been smashed in and compressed into the hood. The dented fender prevented the hood from opening.

Hit and run the sequel
On Oct. 11, a student reported a hit and run incident in lot 29. Sometime between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Oct. 10, an unknown vehicle struck the student's 1992 Crown Victoria causing damage to the lower panel of the door. Black rubber that had transferred to the door indicated that the student's car was struck by another car's bumper.

Students warned of diseases

Chelsea Rickert

The Wisconsin state senate passed a bill that requires the Student Health Services to annually provide detailed information about Meningococcal and now Hepatitis B to all students, as opposed to just incoming freshman.

Meningococcal disease, more commonly known as Meningitis, has severe symptoms that include high fever, vomiting, rash, headaches, chills, confusion and a stiff neck.

Meningococcal meningitis strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and is responsible for approximately 300 deaths annually. It is estimated that 100 to 125 cases of meningococcal disease occur annually on college campuses and 5 to 15 students die as a result.

> "You don't want to be kissing someone who is infected."
>
> **Kathy Green**
> *Nurse, Student Health Center*

"The toughest thing is knowing when it's serious enough to consider it Meningitis," says Kathy Green, a nurse of the Student Health Center. "Usually we'll want to see the student, it's not for them to determine. Make an appointment as soon as possible."

Meningitis is a contagious disease.

"Especially freshman and sophomores in the dorms," Green said. "They have a higher percentage of the disease because they live in such close quarters."

The Student Health

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other anti-riot techniques.

Matthew Snyder, a freshman at Mankato State University, attributes the mob's sudden violence to alcohol consumption, cellular phones and police presence.

"There were plenty of people there and a lot of them were drunk," Snyder said. "But nothing really happened until police started appearing and everyone started calling their friends and telling them to come join the frenzy.

"The police presence gave everyone a sort of 'us vs. them' mentality, and I think that's why the riot took place."

Snyder doesn't believe that the riots were in any way related to Mankato University's homecoming.

"If anything, [the riot] was merely the inevitable product of a large mass of intoxicated people inhabiting one small area," Snyder said.

Mankato State University's administrators did not share Snyder's nonchalant attitude toward the incident.

Richard Davenport, President of the Minnesota State University system, stated that he "found the events of [Oct. 4] deeply disturbing."

Davenport expressed his disappointment in the fact that 21 of 45 individuals arrested that night were students of the university.

"The campus judicial code empowers us to discipline students for off-campus activities that adversely affect the university. The events of last night clearly do affect this academic community."

Mankato State University officials also mentioned that they would be using photo and video evidence collected from the scene to identify those who took part in the riot.

Currently, UW-Stout and all other schools in the University of Wisconsin System have policies similar to the Minnesota State University system.

Chapter UWS 17.03 of the Rules of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System states that "the university has a responsibility to identify basic standards of nonacademic conduct necessary to protect the community, and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of misconduct while observing the procedural and substantive rights of students."

In other words, any student participating in an activity which could be deemed damaging to the community - on or off campus - is subject to disciplinary action by the UW System.

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Beetles cover face of campus

Chelsea Rickert

Along with the return of fall weather, students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout are relishing a not so pleasant returnee - the Japanese Beetle.

"They're pesky because they fly right at you," said Shawn Drury, a freshman in interior decorating and merchandising management. "It's like they can't think and fly."

"They dive-bomb you," said Sierra Peterson, a freshman in retail merchandising and management.

Not only do these lady bug rip-offs annoy students, they also are considered destructive plant pests.

"Adults feed on the foliage and fruits of several hundred species of fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, vines and field and vegetable crops," according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Web site.

"Adults leave behind skeletonized leaves and large, irregular holes in leaves."

The USDA estimates that efforts to control these bugs cost $460 million a year. This figure includes the cost of replacement turf.

"[They] often destroy turf in lawns, parks, golf courses and pastures," said the USDA's Web site. "Today, the Japanese Beetle is the most widespread turf-grass pest in the United States."

The Japanese Beetle was first discovered on American soil approximately 80 years ago.

Since then, the bug has dispersed itself throughout the southern and western regions of the country, but there have been isolated incidents of it in Wisconsin, Oregon and California.

In Japan, natural checks and balances keep the bug's population in balance. However, in the U.S., these natural predators don't exist.

To help control the pest, the USDA has improved the importation of some Asian predators to help control the Japanese Beetle.

Tiphia vernalis is a small, parasitic wasp. Female wasps dig into the soil, sting and paralyze the beetle grub and then lay an egg on the grub. The hatched wasp larva will eat the grub.

Istocheta aldrichi is a fly and an internal parasite of the adult Japanese Beetle. In a two-week time period, female flies lay up to 100 eggs, usually on the thorax of the female beetles.

The hatched maggot will delve directly into the beetle's body cavity, killing the beetle.

So, you want to keep these beetles out of your house but don't have one of these two insects handy? Don't sweat it.

"Find a way to bug-proof the windows and doors," Drury said.

"I go crazy and suck them up with a vacuum cleaner."

Mechanical traps will attract the beetles and will successfully capture approximately 75 percent of them. Such traps should be available at a local gardening store.

Disease / Keep clean

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Center provides Physical and Neurological Exams if the student is showing symptoms of Meningitis. If all symptoms are present the student is sent to the hospital for a spinal tap.

There are ways to prevent contracting Meningitis.

"First of all, don't share items or spread saliva like bottles of pop—anything that would have been in someone else's mouth," warns Green.

Green also recommends washing hands and avoiding the sharing of utensils. The disease is also spread through intimate contact involving bodily secretions.

"You don't want to be kissing someone who is infected," Green says.

If the student chooses not to be vaccinated, the board must provide detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of the vaccinations.

Hepatitis B is a disease spread by contact with blood and body fluids of an infected person. Some symptoms include loss of appetite, jaundice, diarrhea, vomiting, pain in muscles and stomach, and fatigue.

"Hepatitis B was an STD concern a while back," say Green. Now, every baby born today gets Hepatitis B shots when they're born.

"Hepatitis B vaccines can prevent Hepatitis B," Green said. "It really is a great vaccine."

It is expected that the governor will sign the bill, which then will be effective January 1, 2004. The bill includes notification and record requirements. This bill holds the university responsible for notifying the students about the vaccinations.

It does not, however, state that students have to be immunized.

"We have been notifying incoming freshman since 1995," says Janice Ramaeker, the Director of Student Health Services. "The bill expands to include all students and add info of Hepatitis B."

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Worth Hearing Once

Spanish

For many of us, the only spanish we know is the Taco Bell Menu

Coming home on I-94? Read this first

Welcome home everybody. Welcome back to your old stomping ground. Welcome back to your field of dreams. The ever-changing face of the University of Wisconsin-Stout still retains the memorable landmarks summarizing your collegiate episodes. Your legacies live here in the halls of UW-Stout.

Who among you do not remember climbing to the fourth floor of Harvey Hall? How many have forgotten the monolithic silhouette of Bowman Hall? Were you around when the Memorial Student Center was under construction or when Merle M. Price Commons was dedicated? Were you here when the library occupied what is now Vocational Rehabilitation?

Just as we make our singular contributions to the heritage of UW-Stout, so to do we collectively add to the history of homecoming celebrations.

March 30 and 31, 1917, marked the first UW-Stout homecoming celebration, punctuated by the dedication of the home economics building, later named Harvey Hall. Homecoming traditions such as the parade, first organized in 1922, are with us to this day.

The first UW-Stout homecoming queen was crowned in 1937. The homecoming parade of 1956 included 30 floats.

Nationwide unrest was mirrored locally throughout the 1970s and 1980s when the late night activity of choice was to attempt to close I-94.

In 1990, UW-Stout celebrated "100 Cheers for 100 Years." This week we will add year 113 to the homecoming celebration archives.

Just as the footprint of the campus changes, so too do the issues facing students. However, fuel for protest is seldom scarce. Plans are now being made that will impact the lives of students in coming years.

Progressive and poor planning are apparent campus wide. The subdued UW-Stout skyline is ever changing. Reactionary thinking is evidenced by our withering university system budget.

As students, we are obligated to have our voices heard over the din of administrative and legislative rationales that take control of our vulnerable student existences. If all is well, we can't see it. If nothing is well, we'll tell you so. That's what students do: protest.

As we gain knowledge, our voices become louder and more confident. This campus is our proving ground. We practice staking claims. We implement ownership. We challenge authority. Protest is our tradition, duty and honor.

When were the objectionable and untimely injustices dealt to us as students severe enough to prompt the entire student



body to abandon the campus? Was there ever a student body that applauded the board of regents for outstanding work? Was there ever a silent student body? No! Not then. Not now. Not ever!

Realistically though, we cannot properly defend ourselves as we carry the burden of learning in both hands. We have four short years to right the perceived wrongs and then we must give way to our replacements who pick up the First Amendment tools of freedom and begin to find their own voices of protest and indignation. The tradition of seeking knowledge, truth and justice continues.

Truth be known, most of us wouldn't trade the experiences we have had here at our UW-Stout home for anyone else's at any other university. We have achieved a level of knowledge that enables our move forward to a larger venue in which to seek truths and right injustices.

This year's graduates will join next year's homecoming exodus and remark about the noticeable changes, having forgotten the reason and fervor of their own campus protests.

Let's ensure this homecoming claims a positive entry in the archives. Celebrate sanely. We at *the Stoutonia* are proud to be a part of the celebration. We thank all alumni for their contributions to a rich and diverse heritage. Cheers to UW-Stout, a place we can call home.

Mountain biking sans mountains



CUP O JOEL
Joel Shaw

Wisconsin doesn't have any granite peaks that I'm aware of, but there are certainly some throw-you-over-backwards landmasses to humble the beginning mountain biker.

Knapp Hill, very close to the town of Knapp, is one of those. Knapp Hill will suck the oxygen out of your lungs before you can downshift. Know what I'm sayin'?

The slope is 20 degrees from vertical, and if you get off to walk, you have to be careful not to apply too much down pressure or you'll trigger a landslide.

I had no notion of ever being able to spin or peddle fast up the north side of Knapp Hill until my son went for a ride with me.

I had serious apprehensions concerning the hill and made them known to him well in advance of our approach to the foot of the intimidating crag.

As we got our first view the road disappeared into the distant mist.

"Just go as far as you can and jump off before you flip over backwards," I calmly said to him as he looked back in my direction and grinned.

That was the last I saw of him as he vanished into the distance, methodically driving his heavy piston-like legs to an inner rhythm.

I kept thinking that I should be prepared to call 911 from one of the houses near the summit because my son was going to suffer heat stroke, dehydration, cramps, nausea, airsickness and a heart attack before flipping over backwards and rolling down the precipice to his demise.

I kept a sharp look out on my way up and soon decided to bail and walk so I could scan the roadside more vigilantly for his body. On and on I trudged, pushing my bike as though it were a coffin containing his corpse, heavy and solemn.

I was muttering a memorial sermon to him as my head broke through the clouds surrounding the summit, and there he was, standing in the shade of the glacier sucking cool water from his canteen with a huge dirt-eating grin on his face.

"I rode all the way up," he said," I wasn't going to give up!"

I looked back at him through the river of sweat spilling from my brow.

"I would have too, but I saw something interesting a ways back and got off to inspect it," I said.

"What was it?" he said.

"An omen," I said.

My son had outdone me for the first time. He had displayed a vast reserve of determination that I had never witnessed before; he had kicked my butt and next time I had to kick back.

In the meantime though, I had better go back there without him and find out for sure that I can climb that sucker!

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Clair Huxtable is queen in this court



NICE PANTS
Matt Schubbe

Homecoming is this weekend and you all know what everyone is doing this weekend...picking the next homecoming royalty!

Now, I know that it's customary to vote for your king and queen, but I think that with my help I could give all of you kids a break. I hereby declare myself king of homecoming and place upon myself all of the privileges and responsibilities that come with the title.

Okay, now that that's out of the way, I can get to the real fun of me being king. I've been thinking long and hard about my court and my queen since I decided to declare myself king about a week ago, and I have come to the conclusion that I don't want my loyal subjects to choose my queen when I am perfectly capable of picking a queen myself.

By the same token, I should also be able to set up my own court exactly how I want it, with who I want occupying each position of said court.

As my first kingly decree, I will announce my selections for my queen and court, which will be set up exactly like a chessboard, for convenience sake.

My first appointment will be the position of queen. This was a toughie because I needed someone who was strong and a good maternal figure to rule by my side. Luckily I was watching "Nick at Nite" and found my queen almost immediately: Claire Huxtable. I thought, "If she can handle that crazy Bill Cosby and wild child Denise, then she can handle anything."

The next series of appointments is the coveted position of bishop. My right, and I guess left hand, men must be smart but savvy as well. I actually found my choice in one person, technically speaking. My left bishop will be none other than Steven Q. Urkel, from "Family Matters,"and my right hand bishop will be suave alter-ego, Stephon Ur-kel.

The appointment of my two strong knights was not without its trials as well. But I found two noble fellows who were respected and held on pedestals for their unique abilities. Mr. T. himself, and that guy from "Police Academy" that made all the sound effects will be knighted this very evening.



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I needed stability in my two rooks, so I picked people who were down to earth and good at defending. To my right will be Candice Cameron, DJ from "Full House" and then on my left is William "Refrigerator" Perry of Chicago Bears fame. His Super Bowl shuffling will be invaluable to defending my castle.

For the pawns, I needed people who were loyal, but not smart enough to ever realize that they outnumbered me. So, I chose all of the dogs ever to play Lassie in the movies or on TV. I'm not sure how many dogs that is, but it's probably more than enough.

Well, there you have it, a king and a star-studded court for homecoming. But don't thank me now; I'll make a decree about tribute money later.

Homecoming should really have a dress code



FRESH THOUGHT
Crystal Miller

This week, as we all know, is homecoming week. What better way to contribute to the craziness than the Week of Wacky Wear!

Hey! This doesn't just have to pertain to homecoming either, we could make this a routine ordeal.

How about *Messed Up Monday*? Take this as you want. The good citizens of the week will stay in their jammies, while the others . . . Well, we all know how the rest will take it.

Then there is *Tons of Color Tuesday*. Spice-up your life with as many colors of the rainbow as you can. Get creative; this could be interesting if you put your mind to it.

What about *under-WHERE? Wednesday*! I think it's about time everyone had a pair of BLUE DEVIL UNDIES! Wouldn't that be a cool invention? Girls could have cute underwear with a UW-Stout Blue Devil logo, and the boys could have festive boxers. Well, since that hasn't happened yet, everyone wear underwear on the outside, or on their head. One should be imaginative but not grotesque.

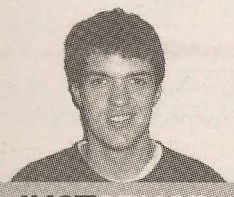
Of course, there's *Thirsty Thursday*! Ahhh, the all too familiar Thirsty Thursday. On this day, sponsor your favorite beverage. Wear some apparel to sport it!

Finally, it's *Flippin' Friday*! Flip your clothes inside out. Flip them upside down or even flip to the "other side" by dressing as the opposite sex or just dress crazy. The weekend is here, and the big night is a day away! Kick back and be flippin' crazy!

What would the Week of Wacky Wear be without a Stout Spirit Saturday? It's the big game day and the party night we've all been waiting for-homecoming night.

So have fun, support your school and get WACKY!

Time to rename Homecoming to fit the times



JUST SENSE
Brian Legg

While standing in awe of a predominately white college party crowd chanting "Rodney King!" I couldn't help but think that homecoming had become so much more than what its founders dreamed it to be.

What could evoke such erratic behavior in seemingly civilized human beings? In this particular instance, it was one of their own being tackled and pepper-sprayed by the cops, but moreover it was the essence of our fleeting youth distilled in a great punchbowl of alcohol-spiked school spirit. After all, this may be the last school we can have spirit about.

So, I set out on a mission to find out what homecoming was all about in the first place but found that someone else beat me to it. (see Homecoming the First 100 Years by Kevin Thorie) Oh well, history was never that great anyway.

Continuing my quest for the resolve of this great humdinger, I asked some of my fellow students what homecoming meant to them. Most gave blank looks, trying to recall what they did last year for homecoming, others simply said, "beer, lots of beer."

That's when it hit me, like the light at the end of a tunnel drawing me towards what would perhaps become my defining moment as a student of this university, my mission in life so-to-speak. Once and for all, I shall take the event known formally as homecoming, an ambiguous melee of ra-ra-shish-boom-ba and rename it with inspiring words which more properly reflect the kind of insanity that this week breeds.

Since a task of this magnitude ought not be undertaken single-handedly, I yet again sought the council of my peers. Their wisdom and encouragement drove me forward. The memories of homecomings past fueling the fires of creation. After taking in innumerable input from the masses, a quiet place of solace and reflection was required to make the final decision.

Beer in hand, couch beneath me and Seinfeld on the tube, I wrote down the words that shall live on in infamy.

"Kegs, eggs and sore legs," for of the annual Saturday celebration it shall be written:

"Ye shall set thine alarm clock for 9 a.m., ye shall consume the unholy sustenance and ye shall walk, for to drive would be the greatest of homecoming sins."

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You don't know me, but you will



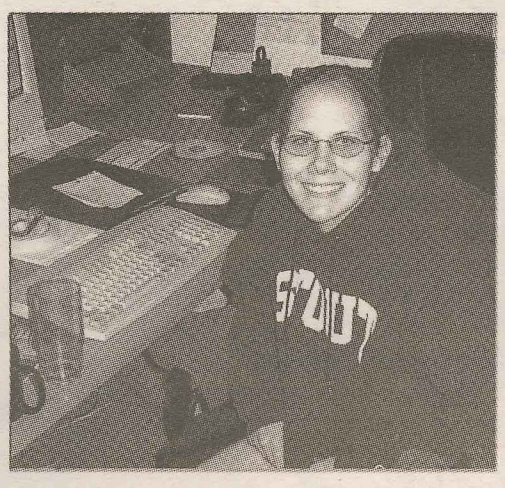
STOUTWATCH
Ann Syrstad

It's week two of the "You don't know me, but you will" game, and it looks like people are getting into it. I have already gotten quite few comments about the featured students. A couple guys even came up to me and questioned about the featured female student from last week's column.

One guy remembered what kind of bread she liked and another was bummed that she was engaged. I guess I never had the intention of turning this into a dating service, but who knows what the future will bring!

When it all comes down to it, students like to learn more about their fellow students. It reminds me of the first few days of class when professors make us go around the room stating our name, hometown and something interesting about ourselves. We act like it is such a stupid activity, but deep down, most of us closely listen with hopes of learning about the rest of the class.

Due to some feedback from readers, a couple more questions were added to this week's questionnaire. If anyone out there can think of additional questions or ways to improve this column, please email me at: syrstada@uwstout.edu.



Curt Trnka, the Stoutonia

Casey Otto - 21
Junior in hotel and tourism

Hometown: La Crescent, Minn.
Relationship status: Dating

Favorites:

Movie: The Sweetest Thing
TV show: Will and Grace
Beverage: Milk
Shampoo: Swave
Professor: Brian Bergquist
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Favorite thing about UW-Stout: Making fun of the Freshmen.
Least favorite: Going to class
Dream car: Escalade

One or the other:
Packers or Vikings? Vikings

White or wheat bread: White

Pepsi or Coke? Pepsi

How do you like your eggs? Scrambled

Biggest pet peeve? When people call late at night when you're trying to sleep.

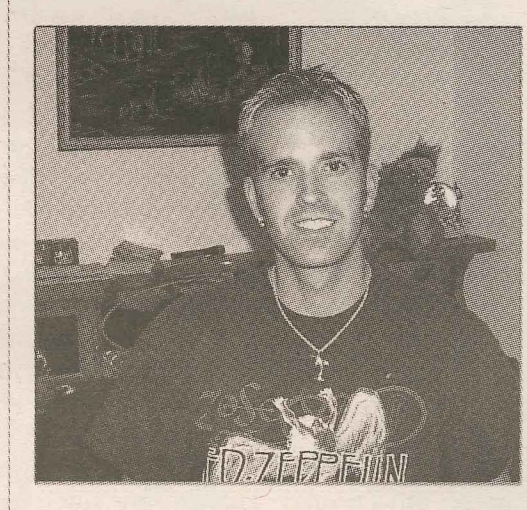
Worst bad habit: Bite my nails.

Where do you buy groceries in Menomonie? Super Walmart

One word that best describes you: Outgoing

If you could marry one famous person who would it be? Why? Vin Desil, he's hot.

What do you do for fun? Hang out with friends, go shopping and watch movies.



Curt Trnka, the Stoutonia

Nate Rendall - 22
Junior in hotel and tourism

Hometown: New Holstein, Wis.
Relationship status: Single

Favorites:
Movie: Conan the Barbarian & Braveheart
TV show: Conan O'Brian. You gotta love the Conans.
Beverage: Johnny Walker Blue
Shampoo: Pert Plus "Light"
Professor: Prema Monteiro
Store: Ebay
Toothpaste: Colgate
Bar: Waterfront
Restaurant: Salty's
Favorite thing about UW-Stout: My friends and roomates
Least favorite: 8:00 a.m. class
Dream car: 100th Anniversary Harley-Davidson VRSCA V-Rod. (I know it's not a car)

One or the other:
Packers or Vikings? Soccer baby! Go K.C. Wizards.

White or wheat bread: Wheat
Pepsi or Coke? Coke

How do you like your eggs? Over easy. It grosses my sisters out!

Biggest pet peeve? Being late

Worst habit: Impulse buying

Where do you buy groceries in Menomonie? Leavers

One word that best describes you: Unpredictable

If you could marry one famous person who would it be? Why? The Olsen Twins. It seems like they do everything together.

What do you do for fun? Hang out with friends, workingout, play video games and spending my money.

Advisement week anyone?



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Nothing else says University of Wisconsin-Stout quite like Advisement Day: that or a quill or maybe the clock tower.

Over my three years here on campus, I've used most of the advisement days for advisement. You'll notice that I said most, and are probably right now thinking that you also took an advisement day off here or there.

It happens to everyone. Usually it happens early in a student's time at UW-Stout. Freshmen find out that for some reason they have no classes on a Tuesday and thoughts of Monday night mudslides creep into their heads.

Well, why stop there? I learned my lesson after blowing off my advisement meeting, but I wish I could have screwed up more royally to make the mistake more worth while.

Why not an advisement week? Then small trips to Mexico could be planned instead of mapping out a college career.

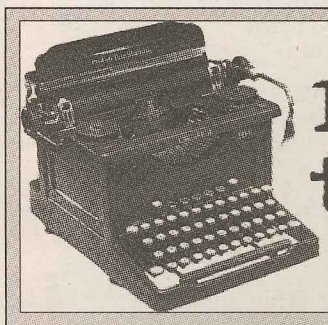
The university higher-ups and upperclassmen would enjoy the looks on the student's faces who come back from advisement week and realize they don't know what classes to take or that they can't register for the classes they don't know they need.

Personally, I think most of us have seen that at some point or another. I know that I saw it in a mirror my freshman year.

Plus, advisement week could be used to catch up on all the midterm class work that builds up right around the same time as advisement day.

If students can plan out a semester in a day, just think what they can do with a full week.

At some point in the future, this campus will have advisement week. And I will be able to bask in the luke-warm Wisconsin autumn sun, with the wind in my face, thinking how I brought an additional four days of planning to students desperate for a chance to organize the rest of their college careers.



Letters to the Editor

Comedy reviews harsh

Hello,

I participated in the recent comedy themed open mic and find the printing of two articles insulting the event excessive.

I also find criticism of open mics to be a bit uncalled for, especailly from people who have not performed at them themselves- a bad performer earns infinitely more respect than a good critic from me.

I hope to see people show up at and perform at open mics in the future despite the negative atmosphere created.

Sincerely,
Timothy James Schultz

Mr. Schultz,

First let me thank you for writing in with your thoughts. I am sorry to hear you feel that our reviews of the recent open mic comedy event were too harsh.

I'd like to point out that an audience is filled with nothing but critics.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

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Living in a world of accommodation

Lara Monk

Imagine crossing a pedestrian crosswalk and having an oncoming truck hit you from the side. You now have two broken legs and must use a wheelchair as your form of transportation for several months.

Many students, faculty members and visitors with disabilities, face challenges every day of their lives, not only months at a time.

Challenges exist with accessibility - curb cuts, elevator usage and transportation - student's attitudes, discrimination and a lack of knowledge. These areas are limited, as well as nonexistent in many circumstances.

Many accommodations were completed over last summer; a pool lift was installed, all curb cuts were repaired and student parking was moved to the parking lot across the street on the other side of Broadway.

"The willingness of Stout to accommodate is pretty good," said Corbett Laubignat, senior in vocational rehabilitation. "When we ask, they do what they can, when they can. The more voices that are heard, the more changes will happen."

Areas can be overlooked by those who do not use such facilities in order to live day-to-day.

"When a curb cut - the ramp in the concrete that goes from the sidewalk to the road - is blocked it means a person with a disability will have to wait in possibly adverse weather or find another one," said David Koch, a junior in vocational rehabilitation and special education.

Not all students on campus have the privilege of owning or driving a car to school. Likewise, not all students with disabilities are capable of driving, which forces them to rely on alternative means of transportation, sometimes at a cost.

"Transportation sucks!" said Laubignat. "They're always late or sometimes forget to pick you up."

The two transportation companies available for UW-Stout students are Handy Ride and Tender Care and Disabled and Elderly Transportation (DET).

"Most of the names make it sound like we're two-year-olds," said Laubignat.

Although many resources and services are available for students, those who utilize them on a regular basis claim these services are lacking the necessary quality and proficiency needed and expected.

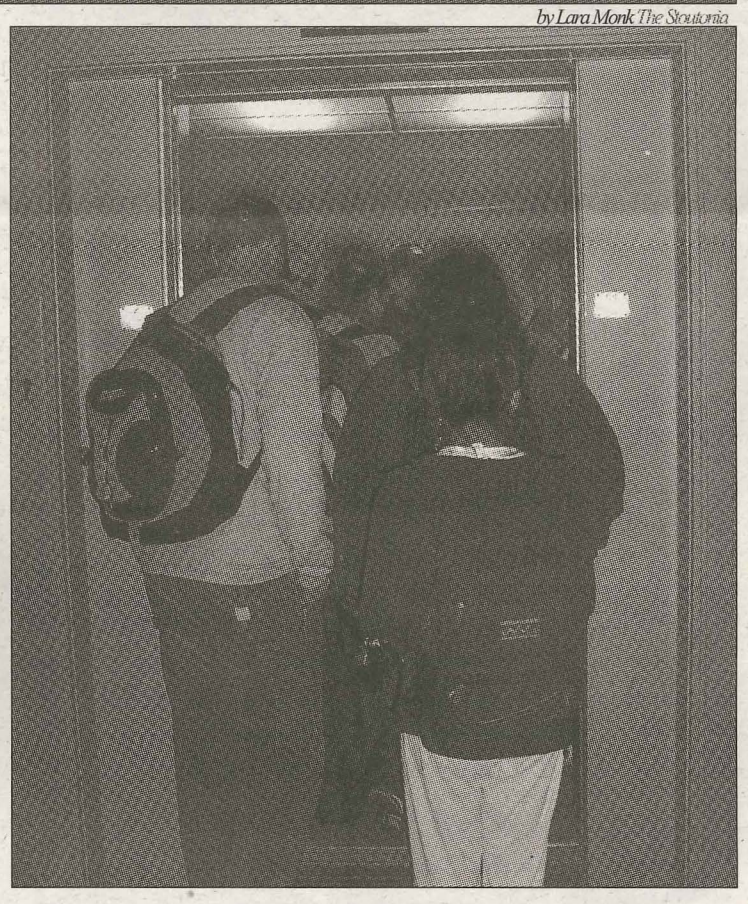
"It is frustrating to see any organization – not necessarily Stout – refer to themselves as 'disability accommodation," said Dr. Kim Flottemesch, a professor in the speech communication, foreign language, theatre and music department. "But is this access available through the main entrance or is it separated from everyone else?"

An example of the daily routine Laubignat must practice in order to make it to class on time is to get up at 6:00 a.m. to be ready to go by 7:40 a.m. This is planned out so that she can get on the Harvey Hall elevator before everyone else "with their coffee and donuts" piles on. If there is more than one person who uses a wheelchair waiting for the elevator this process becomes more complicated.



by Lara Monk The Stoutonia

Students often pile on the elevators in Harvey Hall in order to avoid the stairs. Although this elevator is a convenient way to save energy, those who are unable to use the stairs are stuck waiting.



"Those who use the elevator should be empathetic towards those who need those facilities," said Flottemesch.

In some cases, discrimination of people with disabilities has been seen on campus, but there are steps to inform people.

"I've witnessed in classes, in talking about these

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Campus disability service helps world-wide

Stephanie Deshler

American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements essentially call for universities to be helpful to students that are disabled. Professors at the University of Wisconsin-Stout are required to oblige these requirements, but most professors and faculty don't know what all the requirements are. How does the university stay in agreement with the law?

Originally, professors went to training conferences where they would learn about being accommodating of students and faculty who are considered to have a disability. This includes learning disabilities and any traditional disabilities.

The problem with training conferences is attendees may lack an interest in atending. Although they were helpful, many professors felt that they didn't deal with anyone that was disabled regularly or that required any extra help. Training conferences were long and seemingly trivial.

Today, Christine Varnavas, the program manager of student support services, has recently found a solution to this problem.

"I came up with the idea for the Ask Able website based off the Ask Eric site, an academic and educational resource," said Varnavas. "The idea is to go to the site and ask a question and then get a response from a human expert within two days. I named it Ask Able because of Ask Eric and because people who are disabled like to focus on the abilities they have."

The site was originally designed for UW-Stout only. It was to be a resource for faculty, staff and students to ask questions about how to be accommodating of people who are disabled and also be in accordance with the law. However, because this is the only site like this, it has turned into a national website that is widely used all over the country.

"Initially, this website was set up for UW-Stout faculty; then I realized it was greater for the rest of the world," said Varnavas. "It's an outreach program. It's still there for UW-Stout, but it's now promoted from anywhere in the United States."

When going to the website, users have the ability to type questions in a question box and are able to see all the past questions and replies. There are also links to other helpful sites.

The Ask Able website is run by Varnavas and 10 other experts in the field. Eight of these experts are currently employed at UW-Stout as professors and faculty other than Ask Able experts.

"Experts have to have a number of years of experience, research based knowledge of disability, willingness to participate and the ability to communicate in writing," Varnavas said. "It's also 100 percent operated on federal dollars. If more federal dollars get cut, this service will be eliminated."

Experts need to be well rounded in vocational rehabilitation area or something

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Changing roles

Aaron Zaffke

University of Wisconsin-Stout will host the UW System's 28th annual Women's Studies Conference on Oct. 24-25.

The conference is titled "Women's Sphere, Reconfigured Traditions," and the focus of this conference is to acknowledge the changing roles women have played in the arts, the classroom, the home and in public.

Highlights will include 47 workshops and many speakers including Minnesota Senator Mee Moua, the first Hmong to be elected to a state legislative office in the U.S.

The conference will wrap up with the Women of Color award ceremony. Bremer Bank's community services representative, Maltee McMahon, will be recognized along with other prominent women from every campus in the UW System.

"It's a good opportunity for women to learn about diversity and themselves in general," says McMahon.

The university hopes that this conference will appeal to everyone on campus, helping them to learn more about important issues.

"The university has a long standing commitment to gender equity," said John Enger, the director of university relations. "This is a marvelous opportunity to examine some of the many women's issues that are out there today."

The conference will be held in the student center, and any students interested can contact Stout Solutions at extension x2793. Late registrations will be accepted.

"I think it's important for not only women but also for men to attend. They can learn more about themselves and their peers in all kinds of different aspects of life," Patrick Higgins, said a freshman in mechanical engineering design.

A brochure is available at http://www.uwstout.edu/solutions/ces/pdf/WSbro.pdf.

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close to it.

"I think it's helpful for people who want more information concerning disabilities," said Amy Riddle-Swanson, one of the experts from UW-Stout. "[It] is a good resource that in its help will help the communities where people live and work with persons with disabilities every day."

Future plans for the Ask Able website include adding a job seeking skills tutorial for disabled students within 6-12 months.

"There are no stats on how many people in higher education are disabled," said Amy Schlieve, associate professor of education. "Students at any other level of education have to state they are disabled, but don't have to at the university level."

Schlieve and Varnavas worry that students who are disabled are just as unaware of the resources available to them as students who are not disabled.

"I think this site offers people a one-stop-shop to have specific problems addressed," said Mike Lawler, an expert involved in the website from UW-Stout. "This ensures that time and money aren't wasted in the process of serving the needs of people with disabilities."

However the statistics about disabled students in higher education are hard to find; there have been studies done on those who report their disabilities.

"Most disabled students drop out after their first or second year," said Schlieve. "And faculty don't know what are the ADA regulations are and what they're supposed to do."

Currently, Ask Able is piloting disability awareness on other sites.

"We're trying to find out if students know about the services and where to go for them," said Schlieve. "What we're finding is that students under report their disabilities, and that students that do register themselves as disabled don't know about the services either."

"Blood-thirsty house hunters return for another battle."



TYPECAST

Tiffany Laschinger

This campus is at a civil war. This war has brought terror and panic into the hearts of University of Wisconsin-Stout students. There is a scramble for the victory flag and students will fight over it with a dying passion.

The housing war has far surpassed the ferocity of years past. Students have begun the rampant search for housing only weeks after they have settled into their current living quarters. Roommates are rounded up and often decided long before the fall semester begins. Lists of landlords and realtors are compiled, and prospective house tours are arranged.

The campus' annual fall housing fair has not even taken place, but students cannot wait to begin the search. American Edge even sent out a memo to all tenants regarding the earlier interest in available houses.

It is true that the early bird gets the worm, but is there no limit as to how early?

Landlords and realtors get demands from students to release available housing, and they in turn pressure current tenants to secure next year's lease. While current tenants get top priority to keep their current residence, the deadline for signing a lease renewal has been inching closer every year.

The only solution I can see to ending this madness is for housing authorities to put their foot down and put a later date on contract renewal deadlines. It needs to be pushed off until after January. This still gives students six months to sign for a house.

This is not to say that students cannot still spend the later part of their first semester looking for potential houses, but this way they can't officially sign a lease until the next year. If students in a house happen to sign for another house before the renewal deadline, then the house can be available.

My advice to house shoppers is to just be prepared when you do go out looking, but remember that there are a lot of houses in Menomonie. There is a house out there for everyone, so don't feel rushed. Know your options and know what you want. Then do your research and start your hunt.

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Bringing awareness to each 330

Bridge To Hope held its second annual candlelight rally to raise awareness for domestic violence.

Tiffany Laschinger

A crowd of people gathered with matchbooks in hand and one-by-one lit 330 candles. Tuesday evening, volunteers from around the area came to the Wilson Park band shell to join together and bring awareness to domestic abuse.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Bridge To Hope (BTH), the local, 24-hour sexual assault service provider, held a candlelight rally to represent each of the 330 victims it helped from October 2002 to October 2003. The event was sponsored in part by Wisconsin P.E.O. Sisterhood, as well as several other groups and individuals.

"Our primary focus is to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault," said Shirley Fredrickson, the legal advocate for BTH.

Each volunteer wore a name tag which displayed a victim's name, age and city. All names were changed to protect the safety of the victims, but the ages and cities are real.

According to Fredrickson, this was intended to create a visual illustration of what 330 people would look like.

BTH has held many rallies in the past, but the candlelight rally is only in its second year. Last year's attendance was well over 330 and was higher than any of their other events.

Pete Zallar, a senior in human development and family science, not only wore a name tag, but he also is a regular volunteer at BTH. For the last four weeks, he has been assisting BTH with its inmate program. He helps facilitate counseling sessions with inmates and focuses on informing them on sexual abuse and domestic violence.

"We're here to give them info about domestic abuse and how to stop," said Zallar, "so, they can see their behaviors and their patterns are harmful and hopefully try to change them."

Food and refreshments were provided as well as a program that featured speakers including Mayor Dennis Kropp, US senator representatives, State representatives, a violence survivor and many others.

Nancy Worchester, key trainer for the Domestic Violence Training project, spoke about bringing awareness to domestic violence. She urged people to take notice of your neighbors and people you see from day-to-day and to not turn your back if you notice any form of violence.

She posed a question to the audience.

"What did you do to help end violence?"

She tries to do her part to help other women and hopes she never wakes up a day where she doesn't think of ways to end violence.

"My dream is that we create a world where there is no violence," said Worchester. "Until that moment what each of us can do is constantly help anyone hurt by violence in their homes; they didn't deserve it, they're not alone, and there are plenty of resources."

Volunteers included not just women, but also men and children, a goal that BTH had hoped to accomplish.

"This is not just a women's issue," said Sheila Harsdorf, state senator. "We need men who are willing to speak out and say this is not acceptable."

She also stated that one out of four women face domestic violence.

Nancy B. is a woman who was a victim of a stalker, but because of BTH and the new anti-stalker laws she was able to speak at the rally as a survivor.

"It's very important to reach out when someone is hurting you whether it is physical or emotional," Nancy advises.





by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

(top) Volunteers lit candles to represent each of the 330 people helped by BTH last year. (bottom) Food was served to all volunteers.

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issues that students don't have a lot of knowledge about those with disabilities, but have the willingness to learn," said Flottemesch.

Flottemesch gave a couple of examples about people becoming anxious or nervous when they don't know the politically correct thing to say or do while interacting or talking with people with disabilities. Is it alright to shake someone's hand with an artificial limb? Do I sit or stand next to someone in a wheel chair?

Be sure to watch your language. Words shape attitudes and are capable of giving negative perceptions. Many words to describe someone with a disability are outdated and inaccurate. Words such as cripple, retard, vegetable and disabled are capable of creating barriers that are often more handicapping than the actual disability.

"The use of the term disabled hasn't been used for years," said Flottemesch. "The word 'disabled' refers to something that is broken or needs fixing, where as someone's disability is only a piece of who they are and it doesn't need to be fixed."

Perhaps it's not always the lack of knowledge an individual has but the source of their knowledge.

"Many times people act the way they see on television," said Flottemesch. "The media still use the word 'wheelchair bound' to describe someone that uses a wheelchair, but this is the wrong terminology. Sometimes the media feeds us stereotypes that are not accurate."

Dr. Robert Peters, a professor in the vocational rehabilitation department said, "Not all acts of discrimination are made deliberatel."

He said that he sees people that might unintentionally do it [discriminative], but they aren't aware or familiar of their acts.

"It's unfortunate because that's where ignorance rests, and they don't want to be aware," said Peters.

Laubignat wants students to understand what their actions means to her.

"When stuff like [discriminative acts] happens it reinforces feelings of inferiority and perpetuates the idea that I am some how less because I have a disability," said Laubignat. "I do not fit society's definition of normal and [students] have to constantly remind me of that - by calling me retard, gimp, whispering, talking, laughing and pointing."

Several steps are being taken on the UW-Stout campus in order to inform and educate the community of those with disabilities and the disabilities themselves.

"I believe infusion of issues in a multitude of classes is necessary for the awareness of this issue to be understood," said Flottemesch.

Education can begin anywhere and anytime, with campus events, in the classroom or as early as freshmen orientation.

"More awareness activities are needed on campus," said Peters. "They should make it mandatory during freshmen orientation to take an elevator ride and be asked to make room for those who need it."

Breaking Boundaries, a UW-Stout organization which advocates for disability issues on campus, is currently putting together a speaking panel for Disability Awareness Week for the spring semester. If anyone is interested in helping with this event please contact Corbett Laubignat.

"Often discrimination is rooted in myths or lack of understanding about the disability," said Flottemesch. "These are issues every campus needs to address,"



by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

(above)"The more voices that are heard, the more changes will happen," said Corbett Laubignat.

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Bad relations cause problems



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Tenants can often be the most hazardous thing to their house. There can be a thin line between intentional damage and faulty construction that can cause conflict of repair payment between tenant and landlord.

Aaron Zaffke

Many students have learned the hard way how to deal with landlord problems that occur when living off campus. You don't have to be one of the many.

There are sources to turn to for information, help, and/or advice. The Off Campus Housing Guide contains tidbits of information for almost every situation one might encounter in the tenant and landlord relationship.

"The guide was developed some years ago and has been in print format only until this year – now it's online," says Dave Hay, president of Stout Student Association (SSA).

There is also a campus attorney that students may hire for $7.50 per half hour. Appointments can be made weekly at the SOC desk in the Memorial Student Center.

If pulling an attorney into the mix seems too extreme, leasers may take an alternative option to call Legislative Affairs Director for SSA, Kim Monaghan. Monaghan can meet with students individually to discuss disagreements with their landlords. Monaghan also mediates disputes between residents and their landlords.

"Students are not helpless," Monaghan says.

Most of the cases Monaghan has worked on this year have been safety issues such as door locks and adequate lighting in parking lots. This has been a growing concern among Menomonie residents after events like the Sept. 7 and Sept. 20 burglaries, the sexual assault and the attempted sexual assault. The information on these crimes was obtained from Menomonie Investigator, Michael Mason.

Safety isn't the only issue tenants have with their landlords and realtors.

"We not only lost our security deposit, but we each had to pay an additional fee of $240, which we considered extremely excessive," said Matt King a technical communications senior, as he recalls his experience with Sawdust City. "It was really shocking because we spent an entire weekend scrubbing the place down, making it spotless."

Management at Sawdust City declined to comment.

King's not the only one to criticize a landlord.

"We had to take showers at our friend's houses because no water would come out of the bathtub," said Brianne Schammel, a dietetics senior, as she recalled her experience renting from American Edge. "The water pipes froze repeatedly throughout the winter. American Edge remedied this problem with a space heater, causing the electric bill to rise significantly," said Schammel.

Pete Wiese, broker/owner of American Edge Real Estate said, "Sometimes that's the only way to unthaw the pipe. Students are overall our best tenants; they are flexible, understanding, often times they are very focused on school. They pay their rent, and we get along just fine. Not only are they are great tenants, but they are great people."

American Edge tries to make tenant connections more personal, to ease frustrations and concerns.

"We try to respond to them as quickly as possible. I encourage students to talk to me or my wife personally when they have a problem with American Edge, so we can see to it that it gets resolved," said Wiese.

The housing guide can be accessed at the following web address: http://ssa.uwstout.edu/housingguide.htm



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Houses often come with defects, and they often increase over time. This house has a porch that is so warped it is no longer level. This and other foundation problems can be a hazard for tenants.

Campus Slant



"Co-ed naked KY jelly wrestling"

Grandpa
career technical ed training
senior



"Swimsuit contest"

Paul Heinzen
construction
junior

If you could make up any homecoming event what would it be?



"Cow tippin"

Mark McMillan
industrial engineering
senior

"Streakin"

Diana Krajewski
dietetics
senior



Next Week:

What is the worst thing you could say in a job interview?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

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The 411

Oct. 16 to Oct. 23

Thursday, Oct. 16
>World Food Day Teleconference "Collaboration or Calamity: Africa in Peril", 10:45 a.m., 207 Millennium Hall
>Battle of the Bands, 8 p.m., Great Hall, MSC, Free

Friday, Oct. 17
>Soccer UW-Platteville v.s. UW-Stout, 7 p.m.
>Phi Omega Beta Stunt Night, 7 p.m., Great Hall, MSC, 3 non-perishable food items or $3
>Coronation of Homecoming Royalty, 7 p.m., Great Hall, MSC, 3 non-perishable food items or $3

Saturday, Oct. 18
>Football UW-Whitewater v.s. UW-Stout, 1 p.m. Williams Stadium, bring student I.D.
>Homecoming Parade, 11 a.m., starts at Dunn Co. Rec. Park ends near Sports and Fitness Center

Sunday, Oct. 19
>Crop Walk/Hunger Parade, 1:30 p.m., Begins and ends at Christ Lutheran Church, 1306 Wilcox St.

Monday, Oct. 20
no events scheduled

Tuesday, Oct. 21
Advisement Day- no classes
>Oktoberfest Buffet, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., MSC Great Hall $6.95 prior to Oct. 17 $7.95 after
>Placement Tests, Math--5 p.m., English--6:45 p.m., 304 Bowman Hall, more info call: 232-2468
>Buzz Sutherland, comedian, 8 p.m., Great Hall, MSC, $2.50 students

Wednesday, Oct. 22
>Kappa Lambda Beta Rock-A-Thon 2003, 60 hours straight, Courtyard between Harvey, Administration and Bowman Hall

Thursday, Oct. 23
>Greg Brown, folk music figure, 7:30 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre $19 adults, $17 students
>Brokenword, 8 p.m., Great Hall, MSC, Free

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Tim @ Stoutonia or solfestt@uwstout.edu

Drag show was no drag



Courtesy of, Blue Devil Productions

UW-Stout students dressed to impress for the first annual Homecoming Amateur Drag Show, sponsored by the 10% Society. The show hailed over 600 attendees from all walks of life. Pictured is the winning act that danced and lip-synched to *Moulin Rouge's* "Lady Marmalade."



ALL SMILES
Brianna Schrader

Pink tutus, faux facial hair and a wooden spoon. Sounds like a bad episode of "Martha Stewart Living." These things and many more were the key props in the first annual Homecoming Amateur Drag Show that debuted Monday, Oct. 13 in the Great Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The hall was packed with people of all walks of life who were able to share in the laughter brought by some of the most hilarious musical performances to ever grace the stage at UW-Stout.

This was my first experience attending a drag show. I have always wanted to go to one, but it never worked into my schedule. Since this will be my last year to partake in the homecoming festivities, I figured what better time than now. I was not alone, however, in being a drag show virgin. By a show of hands at the start of the program, it was obvious that many attendees were in the same boat.

The majority of the acts were beyond entertaining, and I am sure the judges found it difficult to decide who should end up on top.

My favorite act of the night was the group who performed "Lady Marmalade" from the *Moulin Rouge* soundtrack. Donned in fishnet stockings, thong underwear and wigs, the four men were received by thunderous laughter and enthusiastic applause. At the close of the song, the group exited as the crowd executed a standing ovation. This performance proved to be a tough act to follow.

Another awesome performance was put on by a group of females who dressed as the musical group 2gether and lip-synched to "U+Me=Us (Calculus)." This was a group of talented hip-hop dancers whose time

*please see **Drag**, page 14*

How homecoming comes about

Janelle Klander

Planning for homecoming is never ending. Once one homecoming ends, planning for the next year begins.

"I think planning has been going good; for the most part [it's been] organized," said Darrin Wutucki the Blue Devil Productions (BDP) advisor.

The theme of Homecoming 2003 is "Choose Your Own Adventure." Instead of having a set theme for homecoming this year, each organization and royalty member decides their own adventure theme.

"People are getting creative [with the themes]," said John Stanton, a senior in studio art and films and special events director for BDP.

BDP works closely with other clubs and organizations during the week's events. There are various events that organization members and royalty can participate in to earn spirit points. At the end of the week all the points are tallied to determine the winner, who is announced at half time during the football game on Saturday, Oct. 18.

"We are trying to get more organizations involved in the week of events," said Bitsy Hansen, executive producer for BDP.

The Amateur Drag Show kicked off homecoming week at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

"We are really excited to have 10% Society hosting the drag show on Monday night," said Hansen. "It's a first for us."

Other events include the Soap Box Derby, Recycled Percussion and Battle of the Bands.

"We tried to come up with events that aren't the standard homecoming events," said Stanton.



Courtesy of, Blue Devil Productions

Students prepared their soap box cars for the big race on Tuesday, Oct. 14. DECA was awarded the most homecoming spirit points for the derby.

Friday night is the crowning of royalty following FOB Stunt Night at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall, sponsored by Phi Omega Beta.

Parade attendees will see the organizations' originality on Saturday morning as they march their floats through campus.

Saturday, the football team will take on the Whitewater Warhawks at 1 p.m. at Don and Nona Williams Stadium. The men's and women's rugby teams will play the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on the multi-purpose field at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.; the women play at 11 p.m.

"This year especially will be a lot of fun," said Stanton. "Every event is worth going to."

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Canadian comedian can't sit still



EVENTREVIEW
Eric Iverson



Courtesy of The official Elvira Kurt Web site

Elvira Kurt was named Best Female Standup at the 2001 Canadian Comedy Awards. She appeared for the first time at UW-Stout Wednesday, Oct. 8 and dazzled the crowd with her witty jokes and animated stories.

Elvira Kurt performed for a packed house last Wednesday, Oct. 8 in Huff's at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The well-known comedian from Toronto filled the room with laughter throughout an energized hour-long performance.

Kurt's strongest attribute is her delivery. With more energy than UW-Stout's power plant, Kurt was all over the stage delivering her animated stories and jokes. There was never a dull moment throughout the performance. She had smooth transitions, which is something only well-practiced comedians can pull off.

"I loved her; she was hilarious," said Tami Strehlau, a senior in multimedia design. "I'd see her again if she came back."

What she couldn't show through motions and expressions was told through stories. Kurt cracked jokes about everything from Canadian Geese flying the wrong direction to the Canadian Military's rowboat.

Although the audience seemed to love the show, I felt differently. I thought the presentation was top-notch, but the material was somewhat plain. Who couldn't come up with jokes about Iowa, Canada, growing up and other everyday situations? Maybe it's because I've seen a number of other comedians who make her material look played out and clichéd.

You don't have to listen to me though. I'm just some guy who didn't like her performance. All you have to do is look at her biography to see that she really must be a good comedian. Kurt was voted the funniest Canadian female comic at the Canadian Comedy Awards. My closed mind thinks that this is only because she's the only female comedian in Canada.

She has had two specials on Comedy Central, performed in "The Vagina Monologues," a documentary on HBO and is a veteran of "Second City," an improv show that spawns many "Saturday Night Live" cast members.

Opening for Elvira Kurt was Tim Schultz, a UW-Stout student. I don't want to hop on the open-mic night bashers' bus, but once again, there was an unprepared and dry performance. I give a lot of credit to anyone who goes up on stage and tries to make a crowd of strangers laugh; it must be a challenge to create your own jokes and deliver them in a unique way. I can't say that Schultz did either.

"It was horrible, unprepared and not funny," said Strehlau.

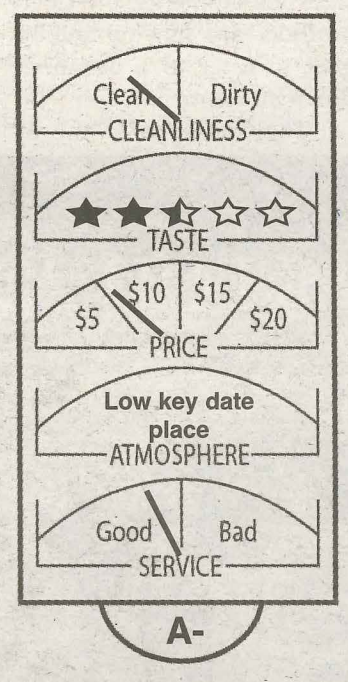
Schultz pulled a stage swap that was originally used and perfected by Andy Kauffman in the late 70s. Before the swap was a barrage of pirate jokes, many of which I have heard before.

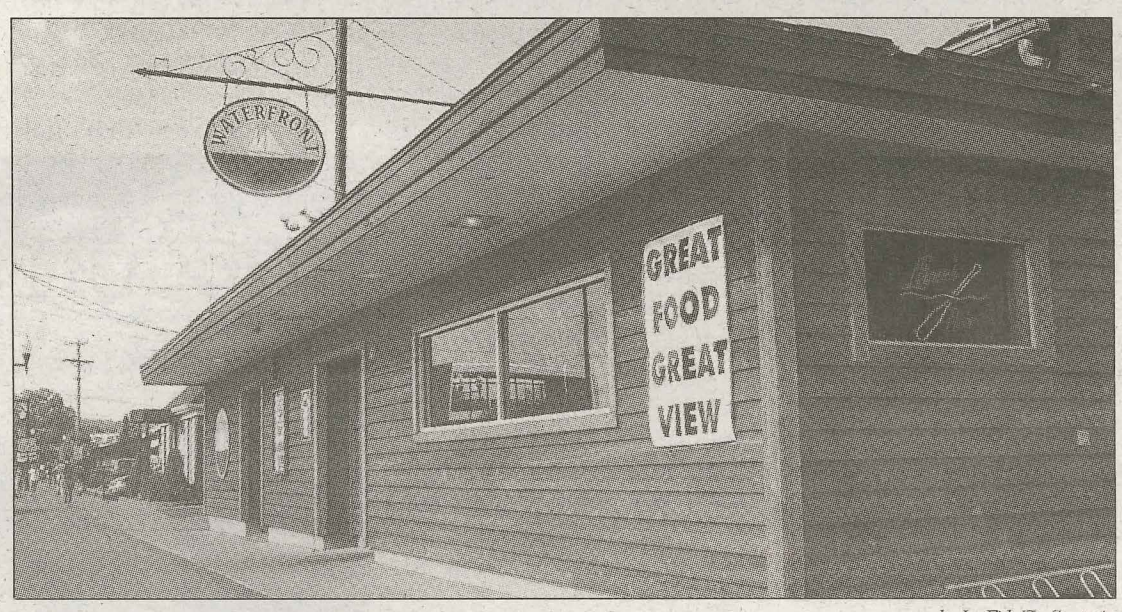
"I was contemplating either going to this or to Waterfront for three-dollar pitchers," said Bryan Millard, a senior in hospitality and tourism. "Ten minutes into the show I realized I made the wrong choice."

Waterfront is more than just a watering hole



FEEDYOURBELLY
Paige Klein





by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The Waterfront, located at 512 Crescent Street, now offers a full menu to its patrons. The establishment offers an outdoor eating experience on a large deck overlooking Lake Menomin. Minors are welcome before 10 p.m.

Did you know that one of the local bars now serves more than alcoholic beverages? If you are looking to have a bite to eat in between classes, then you should head over to The Waterfront. They have gone beyond their Wednesday night quarter tappers and wings special and now offer much more.

Step into The Waterfront and see the additions from last year. The dartboard has been moved and there are several new booths and tables to eat and hang out with friends. Also, the back deck that overlooks Lake Menomin is open for a short while longer until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

"The food is better at the Buck," said Derrick Kujak, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "But I like being able to sit outside; the view is the clincher."

For a bar turned bar & grill, it is kept pretty clean. The back deck offers a terrific view. Since it is a bar, there is the issue of smoking. If you don't like to eat in a smoky environment then The Waterfront is for you. The servers are personable, do not rush you into ordering right away and offer some insight into the different menu items.

"I like the atmosphere and that there aren't always crazy stupid drunks around," said Liz Lemke, a junior business major and an employee at The Waterfront. "It's okay if you are going out, but not if you have to work with them as your customer."

The menu consists mostly of burgers, chicken sandwiches, appetizers (deep-fried mostly) and some specialties. The specials that are offered range from the Monday free drink with burger/sandwich purchase to Friday Fish Fry and Saturday rib eyes. To attract members of the healthier crowd, there are salads offered as well.

The price range is realistic for the majority of college students. The quality for the price was also commendable. There was not one item over the price of $8.99 and if paired with the typical drink prices, your meal could easily cost under $15.

"The Waterfront is something different, and the Buck is overrated these days," said Melissa Damico, a senior in retail merchandising management.

Some questions have been raised about the time constraints with minors being served food in an establishment that sells alcohol. The guidelines are as follows: as long as there is food being served and/or on the table by 10 p.m., then the underage patron(s) may stay for up to an hour after the kitchen is closed; The Waterfront reserves the right to ask any underage patron to leave if he/she stays past the approved time.

To feed or not to feed? I would definitely go back for a lunchtime break between classes. It won't break my budget, and it's not overly crowded. The speedy service helps me get in and out.



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Intolerable Cruelty is fascinating



MOVIE REVIEW
Glenn Hintze

In a world of prenuptial agreements, drive-thru divorces and gold digging sirens,"Intolerable Cruelty" showcases the current king and queen of Hollywood, George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones. In the true comedic style of writer-director pair Joel and Ethan Coen, the movie never skips a beat.

Clooney stars as Miles Massey, Los Angeles' fabled divorce attorney and noted creator of the Massey Pre-Nup, the iron curtain of self-protection. Massey is hired by Rex Rexroth, an eccentric, rich man who just got caught cheating on his wife. Mrs. Marilyn Rexroth (Zeta-Jones) had been waiting for this moment and plans to take him to the cleaners.

In hilarious trial scenes, Massey produces a witness to testify that he set Marilyn up with the perfect man whom she described as mainly very rich. As Rex realizes he's been taken, he storms the stand and tries to choke the life out of the witness. Marilyn's attorney objects, citing "strangling the witness."

"I'll allow it," retorts the judge as she pauses and holds up one finger. Though the scene was somewhat ruined by its inclusion in the trailer for the movie; I still laughed.

Massey manages to outwit the gold digger, but while doing so, he becomes ensnared.

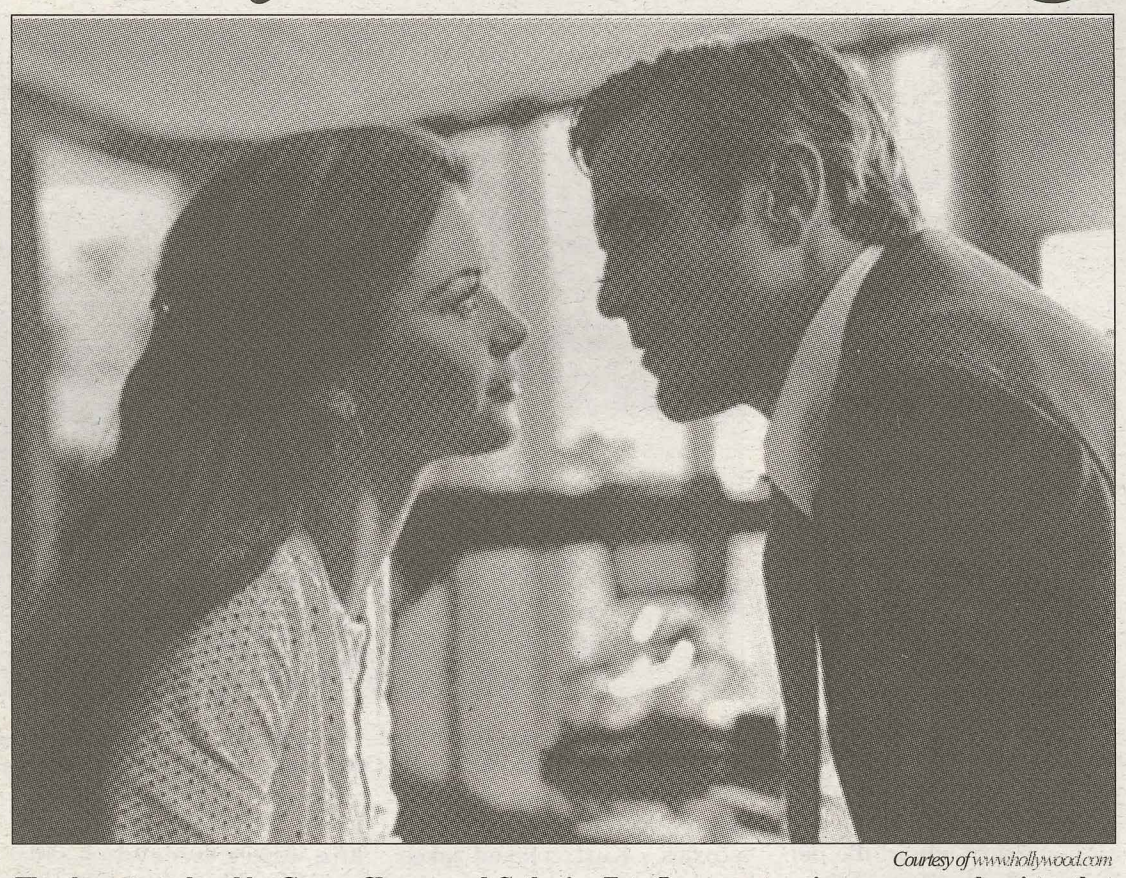
"You fascinate me," he tells her, and fascination seems to be the perfect word for what drives him to her. Her beauty and her manipulative prowess attract him to her like magnetism. This unique romance is perfectly acted by Clooney and Zeta-Jones. Clooney's drive seems almost obsessive, but in a light-hearted, awe-filled way, while Zeta-Jones calmly and coolly fans the flames of the attraction.

Perfectly acted, intelligent and witty, this movie has what most conventional, big-budget comedies lack: heart. We, as an audience, yearn for Marilyn to drop her selfish ways and give in to the desire to truly love, and just as much we want Massey to be right. He throws away his jaded convictions that years of divorce court has given him, and he envelopes the feeling he's discovered. All may not be as it seems, but throughout the movie we're consistently rewarded.

Few movies that fall under the heading "romantic comedy" match the balance between the two genres as well as "Intolerable Cruelty." Too many fall short on the romance with no chemistry on screen, and many end up too sappy and lack anything other than one note jokes. "Cruelty," however, pairs the two as they were meant to be. Though there were some slapstick moments, the Coen brothers are far too intelligent to cater to a dumbed-down audience.

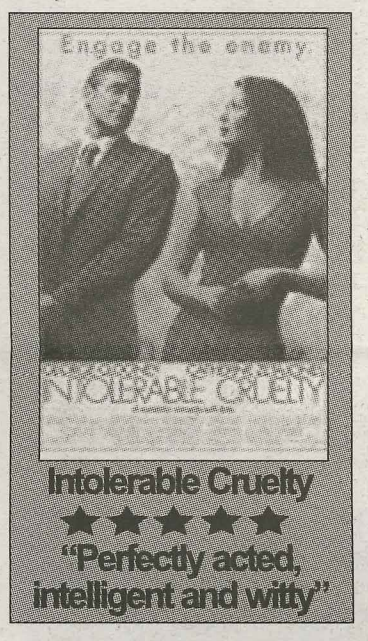
That being said, one of the stupidest concepts in the movie is one of the funniest on-screen moments in years. I'm not going to spoil this gem, but just watch for the asthma puffer.

I know a movie is good when I can walk out smiling, and smile I did. If you like Clooney or are infatuated with Zeta-Jones; if you love the Coen brothers--even if you're just looking forward to Billy Bob Thornton's extended cameo--use any excuse you can come up with to see this movie.



Courtesy of www.hollywood.com

The characters played by George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones create unique on-screen chemistry that is not always found in traditional romantic comedies. The movie grossed $13.1 million in its first weekend.



Intolerable Cruelty
★★★★★
"Perfectly acted, intelligent and witty"

Drag / hilarious fun

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and efforts spent putting the routine together was highly evident.

An act that vividly sticks out in my mind, not because they were the best dancers or they looked the best in drag, but because they were simply hilarious, were the two stocky males that entered the stage on all fours as "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" from *The Nutcracker Suite* played.

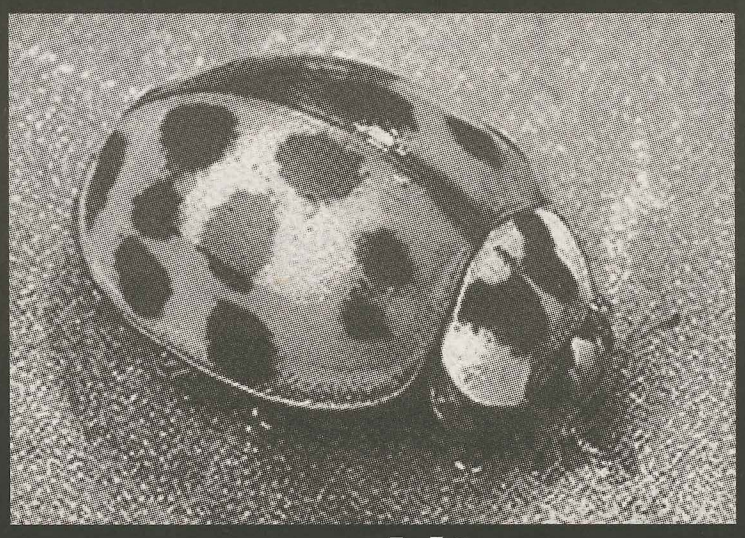
The duo then proceeded to twinkle-toe around the stage in awkward and clumsy pirouettes all while sporting an array of pink attire including glittery wigs, frilly tutus and tube tops stuffed with bean bags. The act wasn't complete without a graceful lift, where one man picked up the other and held him as if he was a newlywed carrying his bride over the proverbial threshold.

Watching the acts, it became apparent that some prepared for the event more than others did. I was under the impression that part of the performance was to lip-synch and some acts didn't even attempt to learn the words. Though they were still funny to watch, the acts that didn't lip-synch could have brought their performance level up a few notches had they taken the time to learn the words.

The only other element of the show that I found to be less than favorable, was the frequency of songs performed from the *Grease* soundtrack. Don't get me wrong, I am a fan of the musical and its songs, but there is only so much you can do differentiate yourself from the rest of the acts that perform songs from the same musical.

This performance of amateur drag kings and queens is only the tip of the iceberg, I'm sure, for what is to come next semester from the experienced drag royalty at the annual Dragapalooza. I, for one, am not going to miss it.

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Capture The Rapture, Wookiefoot too



ALBUM REVIEW
Jaime VandenHoogen

I didn't know anything about The Rapture or Wookiefoot when I threw them in my CD player. I was completely surprised by the music that blared through my room. However, it wasn't a bad surprise.

The Rapture is described as a post-punk genre. The album that I listened to is titled *Echoes* and is a follow up to its well-liked previous album *Mirror*. The band combines everyday angst with upbeat and almost peppy beats. Its lyrics need serious help and guidance, but its music and vocals are impressive.

I enjoyed several songs on the album, while others made me want to burst into tears by the time I got to the refrain. "Sister Savior" was among those that I enjoyed. This tune is an upbeat, entertaining love song that I highly recommend. "Love is All," "I Need Your Love" and "Infatuation" are also several others I recommend. However, I would avoid the song "Olio," as this was one of the songs that had me pulling out the tissues by the end.

The second CD that I listened to was from a band called Wookiefoot. *Out of the Jar*, released in 2003, is the band's third album. This band started as a result of its members rejecting the expectations that were placed before them and starting out on the journey that led them to become a recording band.

I found this band to be quite entertaining. The lyrics were at times humorous but still made a point. The band raps songs to happy and positive music while the lyrics are anything but positive.

Wookiefoot shuns conventional ways and has created its own opinions of the world and the people in it. I am impressed with how well written the lyrics are. The musicians are not screaming out their frustrations but simply stating what they believe to be wrong. While I may not agree with everything that they stand for, I can understand their point of view and appreciate their music for what it is—a statement of their beliefs.

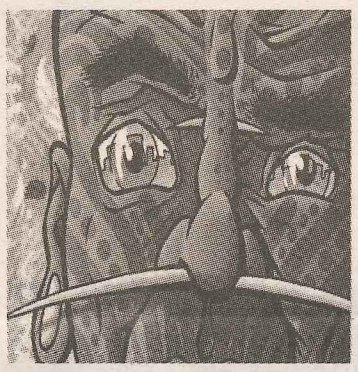
If you like David Bowie, Gang of Four or the Cure, I would suggest that you give The Rapture a try. While The Rapture is not completely like any of these performers, there are definitely distinct similarities.

There is also a noticeable correlation between Wookiefoot and The Grateful Dead. Both of these bands have similarities in their music and the message that they send to their audiences.

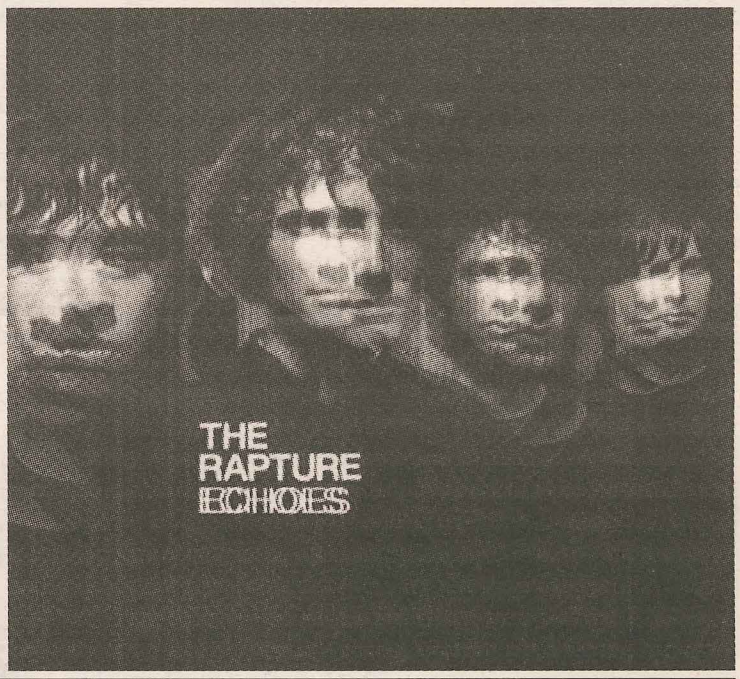


Submitted photo

Wookiefoot (above), recently released its third album, *Out of the Jar* (bottom left). The band's sound has been compared to Sublime and Cake. The Rapture's newest album, *Echoes*, (bottom right) is of the post-punk genre.



I encourage you to give both of these bands a chance and listen not only to the music, but also to their message. I think that both of these CDs would be well worth your time.



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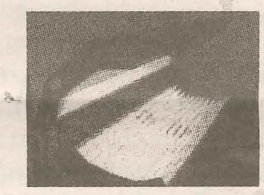
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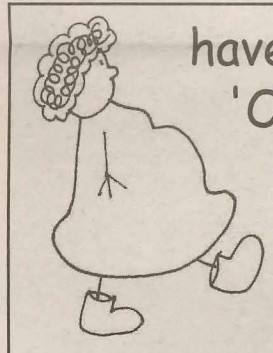


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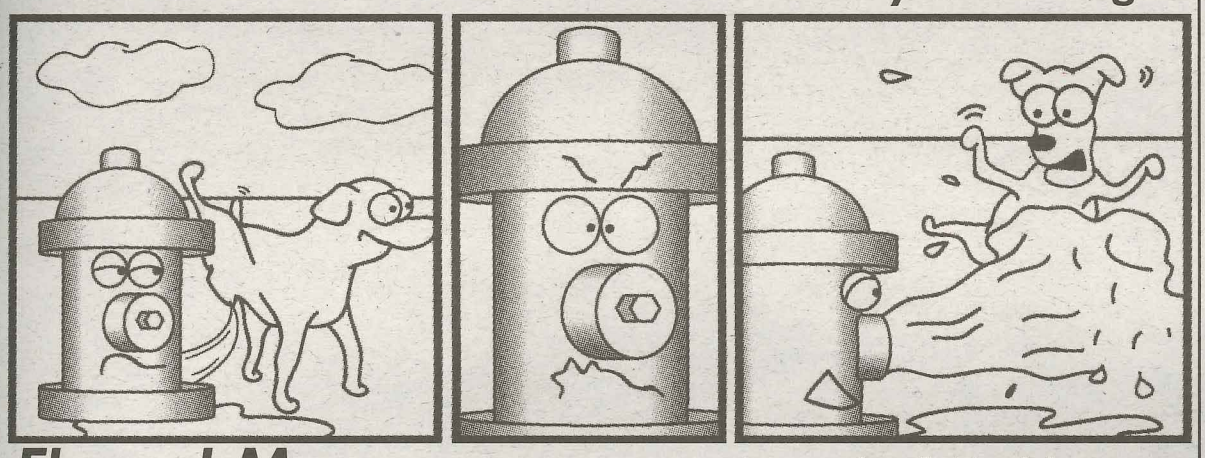
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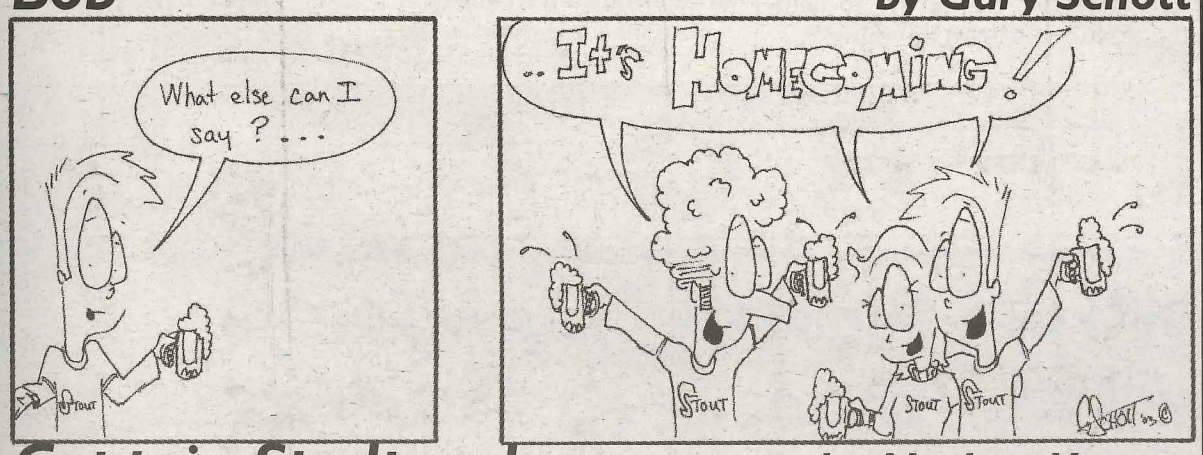
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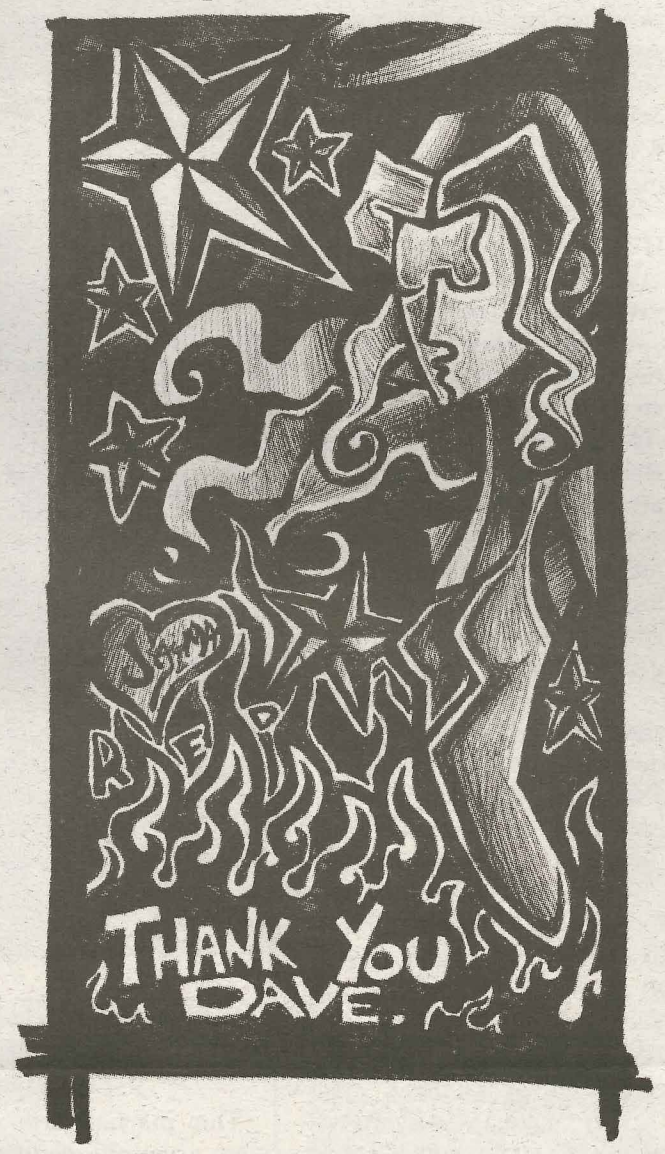


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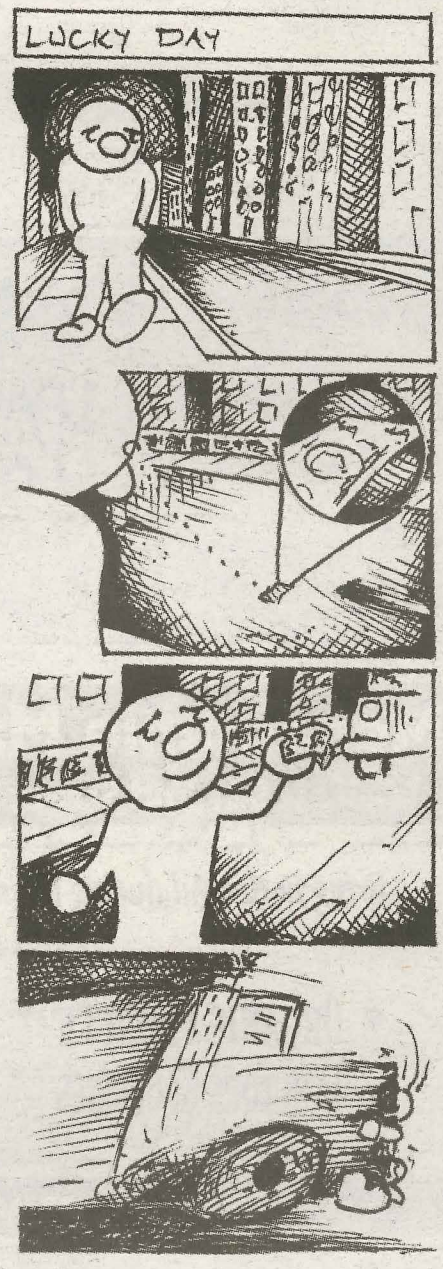


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Another boring comic
by Aaron Krueger



Life and Adventures
by Andy Christensen



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Martial arts club recruiting

Wesley Simonis

The University of Wisconsin-Stout martial arts club is actively accepting new members to join them in sparring and self defense. The club meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 to 9:30 p.m. and Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m.

Practices are held in the UW-Stout wrestling room, which is located in the university recreation building.

"We always welcome new people who want to come to work out," said Sean Arena, a junior in Vocational Rehabilitation. " Our door is always open."

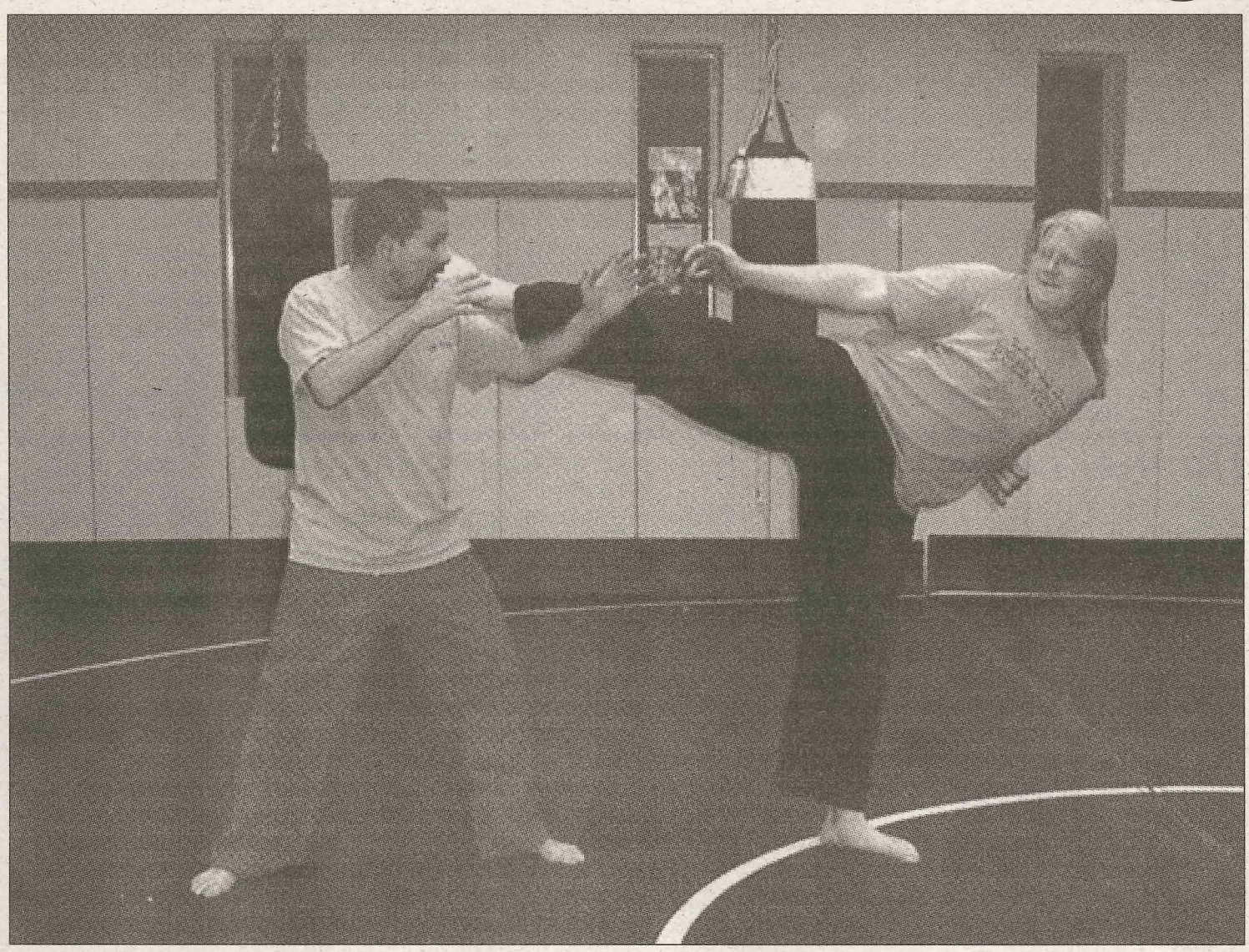
Arena is the current president of the club and is willing to teach self-defense and sparring techniques to students who are interested.

The martial arts club is about more than how to lay down a good butt kicking. It also encorportes the mental concentration neccessary and physical side of martial arts.

"Some members come for the workout and others like to learn new skills," said Ki Martin, a junior in Vocational Rehabilitation. "We even have people who continue their training."

"We have a wide variety of people who come,"said Martin. "Both women and men come to participate."

Martin also mentioned that the club is willing to do official belt promotions.



by Wesley Simonis, The Stoutonia

Ki Martin throws a high kick on Sean Arena at martial arts club practice on Wednesday night. The club encourages new people to come find out what martial arts is all about.

The martial arts club covers a variety of different areas: self-defense, sparring, grappling and weapons.

There are competions and seminars that the club participates in. This year, the club plans to go to one competition and three seminars.

"The club is very flexable to what a student would like to learn," said Arena. "We can try to help students learn anything."

Everyone in the UW-Stout martial arts club strongy encouages anyone who is even partialy interested to stop by and meet the officers and club members.

Anyone interested in the martial arts club can also call president Sean Arena at 232-3367, or call Andy DeNure at 232-2025.

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Reviewing the week in sports

Wesley Simonis

Football

The University of Wisconsin-Stout football team pretty much controled the first 42 minutes of the game, then had to hold back a strong University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point comeback as the Blue Devils defeated the Pointers, 37-27 on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Goerke Field in Stevens Point.

The Blue Devils (3-2, 1-1 WIAC) only allowed the Pointers 37 total yards through the midway point of the second half and had a 31-7 halftime lead. UW-Stout added another touchdown early in the third quarter to take a 37-7 lead before the Pointers stormed back with 21 unanswered points in an attempted comeback.

Senior Luke Bundgaard accounted for a total of 176 yards on the ground with 116 rushing yards in the first half alone. Quarterback Nick Ohman picked up 62 yards rushing and threw for three touchdowns.

UW-Stout and UW-Stevens Point were picked in a preseason poll to finish first and second, respectively, but both teams lost last week in their conference openers. UW-Stout will host UW-Whitewater for the annual homecoming game this Saturday on Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

Soccer

UW-Stout scored both of it's goals in a one-minute span early on in the first half and made the two goals stand out in a 2-0 win over the University of Mary on Friday, Oct. 10 at Nelson Field.

Krista Hight took a pass from Heidi Schultz in front of Mary's goalkeeper and shot it between the goalie's legs at the 15-minute mark of the game.

Under a minute later, Carrie Schrank picked up her 15th assist of the season, tying the school all-time career assists record at 25. She passed to Kelly Stolarczyk who powered the shot in at the 16:05 mark.

The Blue Devil's defense showed another outstanding performance, allowing only eight shots on goal. Melissa Ballweg had seven saves in picking up her fifth shutout of the season. The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Blue Devils, and they return to conference play this week when they host UW-Platteville, Friday, Oct. 17.

Volleyball

The last time UW-Stout faced Universty of Wisconsin-Superior was during the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Invitational, and the Yellowjackets jumped out to a 2-0 lead before UW-Stout came back to take the last three games.

This time there was no doubt that UW-Stout was ready as they downed the Yellowjackets in three straight games, (30-15), (30-23) (30-25), on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Superior Senior High School gym.

Lindsay Mensink led the way for the Blue Devils (13-9, 1-3), getting 11 kills to accompany her two solo blocks and three assisted blocks. The win was UW-Stout's first in league play. Kjersti Hamlin had 10 kills and 15 digs as UW-Stout hit .272 as a team and had a total of eight blocks.

UW-Stout is off until Wednesday, Oct. 15 when they host UW-Eau Claire at 7 p.m.

Tennis

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater won all nine matches to hand UW-Stout a 9-0 loss, Saturday, Oct. .11 in Whitewater.

Tina Rodin put up a hard fight in both of her matches. Rodin moved up to No. 5 singles where she fell, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, to Nicole Stamm. Rodin then teamed with Abby Zander at No. 3 doubles where the duo fought hard but lost, 9-8.

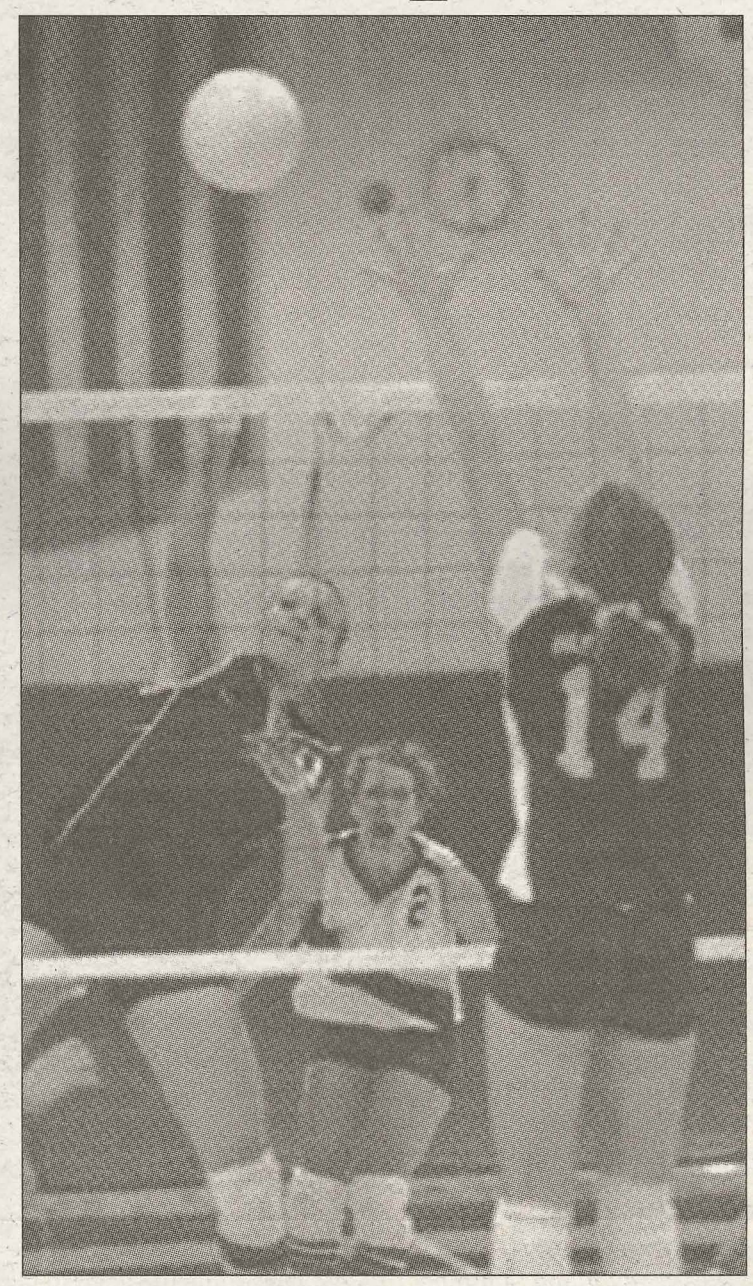


Photo courtesy Sports Information

The University of Wisconsin-Stout swept UW-Superior three games to zero on Oct. 8.

Fantasy Football Corner



with Jimmy Weideman

Among friends, bragging rights are a way of life. At this time of year, there are no bigger bragging rights than being atop fantasy football league. So, I have decided to provide you some guidance when managing a fantasy football team. Fantasy football is all about picking studs with sleepers and leaving the duds on the bench. I have compiled a list of quarterbacks, runningbacks and wide receivers that will get the most fantasy points.

Studs (Expect big numbers)

Quarterback

Marc Bulger vs. Green Bay – Bulger has been proving why he is the starter now. The Rams have the offense that they had two years ago.

Running back

William Green vs. San Diego – Last week Green ran like he did in his rookie season. Watch for him to run over the Chargers defense.

Wide Receiver

Derek Mason vs. Carolina – The Titans are showing they are for real with the help of Mason. Carolina maybe overwhelmed by the Titan's offense.

Sleepers (Could do well)

Quarterback

Aaron Brooks vs. Atlanta – Brooks is not having a very good year. This week he may be an all-star due to that he is playing the Atlanta 32nd ranked defense.

Running back

Mike Cloud vs. Miami- After a four game suspension, Cloud has scored three times. He will get the start with top running backs hurt.

Wide Receiver

Darrel Jackson vs. Chicago – Jackson may not be the best Wide Receiver out there. The reason why he will do good this week. Two words: CHICAGO BEARS.

Duds (Just bad)

Quarterback

Rich Gannon vs. Kansas City – Gannon is old and everyone else is old around him. Don't expect him to produce against this young Chief's defense.

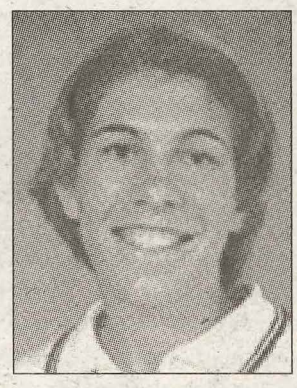
Running back

LaDainian Tomlinson vs. Cleveland. Tomlinson has no blocking to make room to run wild. Cleveland's front four on defense will shut him down this weak.

Wide receiver

Terrell Owens vs. Tampa Bay – Owens may be the most athletic receiver, but not the most productive. Tampa will lock down and make him have one hard week.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Carrie Schrank

The Facts:
Soccer
junior
Reedsburg, Wis.
Art

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *the Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

UW-Stout's Carrie Schrank picked a perfect time to break a school record. Her two assists not only broke the all time assist record but were key in getting the Blue Devils past UW-Eau Claire, 2-1, Tuesday, Oct. 14 at Nelson Field.

Both of Schrank's assists - the first broke the record - came off corner kicks.

The win marked UW-Stout's first-ever win over UW-Eau Claire. The teams tied, 0-0, last season.

Schrank now has 17 assists on the year and 27 for her career, breaking the record of 25 set by Becky Howard.

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Cheerleading boosts team spirit

Hard working cheerleaders lift each other, and the morale of the crowd and players.

Rebecca Werner

The University of Wisconsin-Stout cheerleading and stunt team has been dedicating themselves to lifting the morale of university sports and preparing for cheer competitions.

The team of 10 women and four men performs stunts and excites fans at home football games and home men's and women's basketball games. This year they will have the privilege of traveling some with the teams.

The team is relatively new, and they have been training hard for competitions and spectators.

"We have only two returnees this year girl-wise and two guy-wise," saidJessica Norland, a junior interior decorating major. "All of the other girls are new, but they have had a lot of other cheerleading experience in the past so that helps out."

Being mostly self-funded the team was unable to participate in competitions last year, but they have compiled their resources and are optimistically planning to compete this year.

With the competitions a few months away, the team has been training for the tasks at hand.

"We have been focusing on homecoming and making sure we are ready for that," saidChandra Froom, a junior apparel design major and head coach. "After that we are going to start preparing for competitions."

A needed element for success in cheerleading is large attractive stunts that "wow" a crowd. UW-Stout's team has some creative ideas but lack the number of male participants.

"We can always take more guys," said Froom. "One year we had seven and that was a really good number."

In the mean time, some of the ladies have been forfeiting their roles in the air and have been serving as bases. This limits the team in some regards, but Froom is excited to try out the team's new stunts for this year at Homecoming and says they will be worth watching.

Tryouts for the team are in the spring but continue all year long. The team welcomes people with or without experience to try out.

"It takes time and dedication to learn everything," said freshman business major Mari Tomaszewski. "I learned in a month so you just have to be dedicated and willing to learn."

The next chance to enjoy the talent of the cheer and stunt team will be at the Homecoming football game on October 18, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the Don and Nona Williams stadium.



Picture courtesy Chandra Froom

The UW-Stout cheerleading squad works hard every game to boost teams and gain fan support. This year's team consists of 10 women and four men who perform stunts to execite the fans.

Beckham makes NFL debut with style

Ryan Wessley

Former University of Wiconsin-Stout cornerback/kick returner Tony Beckham made his first start last weekend in the National Football League.

Beckham started as cornerback for the Tennessee Titans who played the expansion Houston Texans on Sunday, Oct. 12.

The Texans attempted to test Beckham eary on, but he responded quickly by breaking up a David Carr pass early on in the game.

Beckham was the Titan's fourth-round draft pick last year out of UW-Stout. He was the first UW-Stout football player drafted in more than 30 years.

During his career at UW-Stout, Beckham earned first team All-American honors his senior year.

To add to his achievements, Beckham recieved All-WIAC during his last two years at UW-Stout.

Tony decied to play football at UW-Stout without even visiting the school. All it took was a talk from the defensive back's coach who was also from Beckham's home state of Florida.

Beckham attracted considerable pre-draft attention from the media. The Blue Devil coaching staff had fielded calls from nearly all of the NFL teams.

The speedy defensive back from Ocala, Fla. ran one of the top times for the 40 yard dash at the NFL combines in Indianapolis, Ind. in March.

Beckham, who has played in all five games for the Titans this season, will replace Samari Rolle, who is most likely out three to six weeks due to a dislocated left elbow.

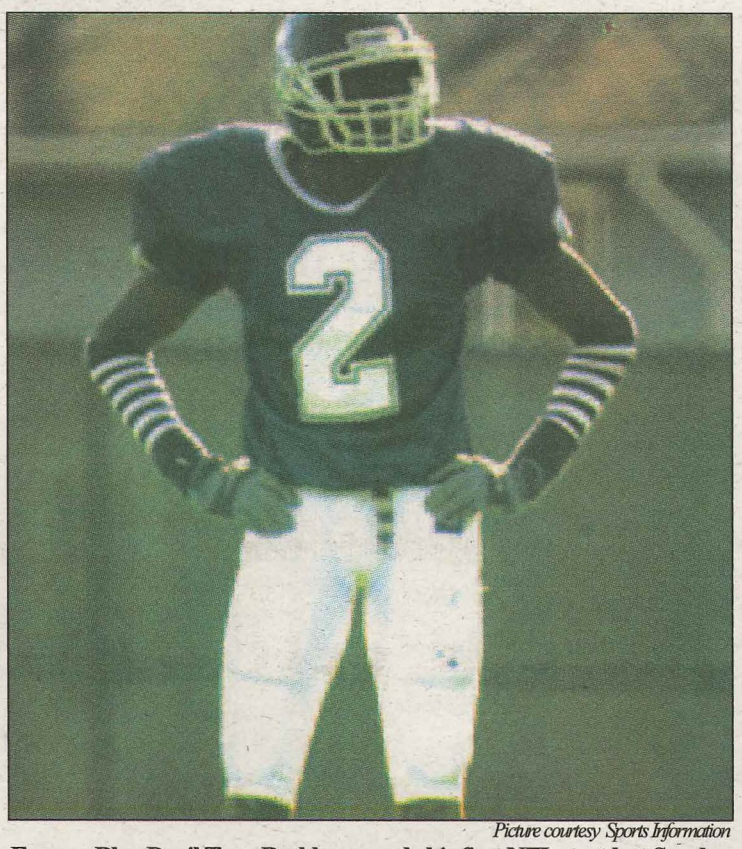
This season, Beckham has accumulated seven tackles to his credit, six of them solo. He also has one fumble recovery.

Out of the Titan's 16-game schedule last season, Beckham saw action in 14 games where he had six solo tackles and two assisted tackles.

Only three other Blue Devil football players have been drafted, but none of them played in the NFL: center Dick Erickson, 1967, Kansas City Chiefs; tackle Gary Inskeep, 1970, New York Giants (Inskeep went on to a solid career in the Canadian Football League); and defensive back Reggie Holmes, 1971, Minnesota Vikings.

Two former UW-Stout players have played in the NFL. Bob McRoberts played with the Boston Redskins in 1944; and defensive lineman Jeff Hazuga played last season with the Minnesota Vikings, where he signed as a free agent.

The Tennessee Titans are currently 4-2. They are in second place in the AFC South, one game behind the Indianapolis Colts. ●



Picture courtesy Sports Information

Former Blue Devil Tony Beckham made his first NFL start last Sunday Beckham is the first Blue Devil ever to start Professionally.

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Comedian Buzz Sutherland performed his infamous "Duck Job" and other hilarious antics last Tuesday, Oct. 21.

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Students model in the nude for their peers to practice drawing the human form.

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Leevers lot has long, rich history

Joel Shaw

Destruction of historic proportions cleared the way 22 years ago for what was supposed to be a thriving economic addition to downtown Menomonie; what remains is a vacant building, an unregulated parking lot and a small town tale of David and Goliath.

Devil's Lake, N.D.-based Leevers supermarket pulled out of town this past June; no explanation, no goodbyes and they're still not talking. Wayne Wahl, Leevers store manager, said the parking lot would be barricaded before winter.

Wahl declined to comment on any plans for the store.

Don Williams still owns the property that is currently assessed at $1,469,900. Williams sold the grocery business to Leevers in Sept. 1998 after his son-in-law, who was the store manager, died of cancer. Williams isn't worried about the lot; Leevers signed a lease binding them until 2010.

Linda McIntyre, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, is worried.

"This is a critical piece of downtown property, and we'd like to see something happen there sooner than later," McIntyre said.

According to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Archives, the one-and-a-half block area was embroiled in a contest of laws, wills and wits when local developer Don Williams, the City of Menomonie and the Sigma Tau Gamma (STG) fraternity wrangled for control of the area in the 1970s.

The outcome of the quarrel resulted in the destruction of two well maintained and historically significant wood-framed structures: the residence of UW-Stout's founder, James H. Stout, and the residence of the grandson of Menomonie's founder, Thomas B. Wilson. The Wilson carriage house survived.

The contested area may never have been available for redevelopment in 1972 had the then newly appointed UW-Stout Chancellor, Robert Swanson, decided not to live in the president's residence, a 79-year tradition. Instead, he lived in his own home.

UW-Stout sold the president's house for $48,000 to a private developer in 1974. The new owner, W. Warren Barberg, rented it to Dunn County for use as a halfway house.

Barberg sold the home to Williams in mid-July 1978. By then, Williams had submitted a proposal to the city to level the one and a half block area between Fourth and Fifth Avenue for his new 26,000 square foot store.

STG owned three lots in the block including the Wilson home, and they were determined to stay. Williams said he would not develop the land if the fraternity house stayed; he said would look for another location.

The 1975 tax increment law was at the core of the dispute. The law enabled urban development and hinged on one word; blight, an ugly or neglected landscape.

According to STG, the city encouraged blight in the surrounding five properties to swing the blight balance in favor of Williams and the city.

STG attempted to gain further leverage by buying two of the five properties, but claimed they were out maneuvered by the city.

STG took the city to court on July 31, 1978, to contest the tax increment law and the city's replacement and relocation value placed on their home, vowing to never take any money from the city or county. The Dunn County Circuit court upheld the city's claim to condemn the area.

STG appealed to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. The case was accepted and heard in Dec. 1979; the court handed down a ruling in favor of STG in Jan. 1980, claiming that Menomonie used the valid tax increment law incorrectly.

What followed is not well documented, but Williams triumphed over the fraternity after a three-year dispute. STG did take $230,000 of the city's money and moved their carriage house to another lot in Sept. 1981.



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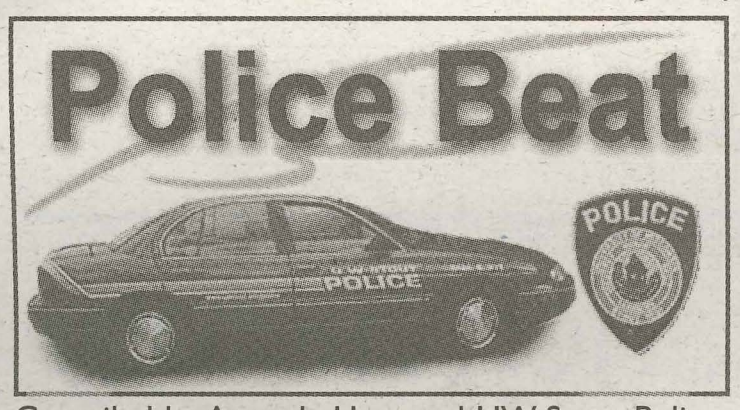
The University of Wisconsin-Stout once provided this house (top) for its president to live in. Chancellor Robert Swanson was the first to not live in the house in 1972. The house was demolished to make room for Leevers supermarket (bottom), which closed this summer. The empty parking lot will be closed before winter.

NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 59° Low 37° Showers	High 42° Low 32° Rain & Snow	High 48° Low 31° Partly Cloudy

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Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Stolen drugs
On Oct. 14, a student reported prescription drugs were taken from his black laptop bag, which the student had accidentally left on the counter in the men's restroom on the second floor of Fryklund Hall. When he returned to retrieve the bag, the bag and his wallet were still there, but $30 in cash and five bottles of prescription drugs were missing. The prescription drugs had just been refilled that day and included Furosemide, Celexa, Oxydocone, Altace and Toprol XL.

Don't blow your own horn
On Oct. 14, University Police was dispatched to Kranzusch Hall on reports of two students using a bullhorn-type device from their window. The horn was turned in to the hall's front desk.

Stolen backpack
On Oct. 14, a student reported her backpack stolen from the women's restroom on the first floor of Applied Arts. The student had forgotten the backpack in the restroom and went back to retrieve it a few minutes later, only to find it missing. She asked custodians if they had seen the bag, but there was no trace of it. The bag contained $200 worth of art paintbrushes, two $150 checks written out to the student, her checkbook, UW-Stout ID card, sketchbooks and a Bible.

Theft from dorm rooms
On Oct.15, three students living in Wigen Hall reported money and keys missing from their unlocked rooms. Collectively, $105 in cash and one dorm room key was taken. University Police recommended that the rooms be re-keyed as soon as possible. No one had permission to enter the rooms.

Cell phone pickpocket
On Oct. 15, a student reported that she may have been a victim of a pickpocket. The student was walking on the mall near Bowman Hall when she felt someone brush up against her. Her cell phone was attached to her backpack and when she returned to her room, the cell phone was missing. The cell phone was secured and partially in a pocket on the backpack.

Magical, reappearing purse
On Oct. 16, a faculty member working in the Vocational Rehabilitation building reported her purse stolen from room 201 of that building. The faculty member had left the building for lunch and when she returned, the purse was missing. The purse contained her driver's license, credit cards and social security card. She cancelled the credit cards immediately. The purse was recovered on Oct. 17 and turned in to the Memorial Student Center where the faculty member picked it up.

Damaged truck
On Oct. 16, a student reported that sometime between Oct. 14 and Oct. 16, someone vandalized his 1997 Dodge Dakota pickup truck. The truck was parked in lot 4 and sustained damage to the driver's side rear tail lamp assembly. The student gave no one permission to damage his truck. Damage is estimated at $100.

Broken mirrors are bad luck
On Oct. 16, a University Police officer notified two students living in Hovlid Hall of damage to their vehicles. Both vehicles were parked in lot 2. The driver's side mirror on one of the cars was kicked off, while the passenger side mirror on the other car was kicked off. The students gave no one permission to damage their vehicles.

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Bill would keep tuition low

Chelsea Rickert

A bill that would include restrictions on universities' abilities to raise tuition is being proposed in the United States House of Representatives.

Howard McKeon, R-California, proposed the Affordability in Higher Education Act of 2003 as an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1956 to address the rising cost of post secondary education.

If passed, the bill would become effective on June 30, 2008.

Under the bill, schools that increase the cost of tuition by more than two times the Consumer Price Index would have to submit a tuition management plan to the Department of Education. If, after two years, the university failed to follow its management plan, it would be placed on "cost affordability alert" status.

If the university fails to reduce its affordability index after three academic years, they would lose eligibility for participation in certain programs such as the Pell Grant and Perkins and Stafford Loans.

In Wisconsin, the university system took a $250 million cut in the current budget period.

"Colleges and universities across the nation are losing state support, forcing them to raise revenue, sometimes through distasteful tuition hikes," said Christine Enger, University of Wisconsin-Stout assistant director of financial aid.

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> **Christine Enger**
> *Asst. director, financial aid*

"Our students would bear the brunt of the so-called affordability bill," C. Enger said.

Julie Pritzl, a freshman in early childhood, thinks the bill would be good and bad.

"[The bill] will be good for students because [universities] can't keep increasing the tuition every year until no one will be able to afford college," Pritzl said. "[The bill] is bad because if financial aid is taken away, the majority of students, who rely on financial aid, will be unable to get through college."

Another problem that the bill creates is the quality of education universities will be able to provide.

"If we were unable to increase tuition to offset some of these cuts, educational quality would suffer, and again, the ultimate losers would be students," said John Enger, director of university relations.

According to Beth Resech, director of financial aid, affordability and the ability of all students to have access to a higher education is always an important topic.

"The simple problem is this," J. Enger said. "We have a bad public policy of the federal government regulating what should be the responsibility of the universities' governing boards.

"In Wisconsin, the Board of Regents typically has taken the position that tuition increases should be modest and affordable. We are still one of the lowest in the country. Faced with budget cuts, the board had no choice but to raise tuition. Responsibility should rest with the Board of Regents and not the federal government."

More tax on alcohol? Yeah, right.

Tim Solfest

A new federal bill proposal is calling for a substantial increase in federal tax on both beer and wine.

The Alcohol Equalization Act proposes that the federal tax be increased from $18 to $37.67 for a barrel of beer, and increased from $1.57 to $4.86 for a gallon of wine that contains between 14-21 percent alcohol.

A sub-committee within the United States House of Representatives is currently reviewing this proposal by Eleanor Norton, D-District of Columbia.

"More than half of all alcohol sold today is beer, much of it to teens and college students; 15 percent of alcohol sales is wine," Norton said in a press release dated May 23, 2003.

"America, especially young America, is getting drunk on beer and wine, in no small part because badly outdated taxing policy make beer and wine cheap."

Imposing taxes on alcohol is known as a sin tax. Higher taxes on tobacco are another form of sin taxes.

"The purpose of raising the alcohol tax is to reduce a socially undesirable aspect," said Alec Kirby, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

> "Beer is the working man's drink."
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> **Alec Kirby**
> *Professor, political science*

"There is little evidence that increasing the cost [of alcohol] will decrease the [consumption] for youngsters," said Kirby. "But, and this is a big but, there is evidence that increasing the cost does deter people from [taking up drinking in the first place]."

Aside from attempting to curb the socially undesirable aspect of drinking, there is another reason that those in favor of raising the alcohol tax support it. This has to do with generating additional revenue.

"It's a way for the government to make money, because they're running out of ways to make money," said Justin DuEll, a freshman majoring in packaging.

Unlike sales taxes, excise taxes are a flat tax amount based on the quantity purchased rather than a certain percentage of the purchase price.

Generally speaking, excise taxes are not paid directly by the consumers but are passed on to the consumers in the form of mark-ups by the seller. Sales taxes are paid by the consumer directly when they make a purchase.

"If a college student and professor were to go out to the bar they both would pay the same amount for a beer; however, the alcohol tax would hurt the student more than the professor because it would consist of a larger portion of the money for the student," said Kirby.

"There's no snowball chance in hell that this bill will pass," said Kirby. "Beer is the working man's drink."

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We all decided to go to college because...

At some point in the last five years, you asked yourself, "why should I go to college?"

Your answer was probably very immature.

"Because all they do at college is party!"

While it's true that as students stuck in a small, college town in the middle of Wisconsin, we do party hard, most of us came to college for far different reasons.

Some of us just plain wanted to go to a college. We finished high school and went on to start college. At lwast that's the plan that society hands down to us.

Maybe students go to college because their parents went, and they feel presure to do the same. You would be surprised by how many students go to college beacuse their mommies said so.

Odds are, a lot of kids, after graduating from high school, just want to go to college. Their friends are going and they won't have anything to do, so why not go to college and keep on doing the whole school thing. How bad could college possibly be?

Ask an art major.

Speaking of majors, students often don't pick out a major until they are at college and have an idea of what they want to do in the future.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has a number of majors that draw students.

Is that the only reason someone would attend UW-Stout, or is it simply a matter of "when in doubt, go to Stout?"

"If not there, there then Eau Claire."

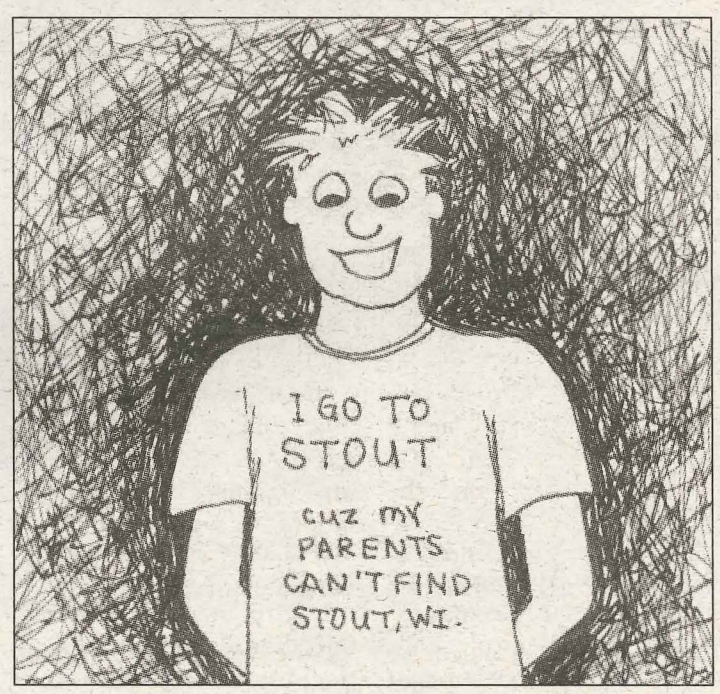
We had to step away from the editorial for just a bit to finish that quote.

Money and location are two reasons our campus sees a flood of freshman every autumn.

Located an hour from the Twin Cities and many other urban areas, UW-Stout has the prefect range for many students. It's not so far that they can't go home often, but it's far enough away that mom and dad aren't going to spring a surprise visit.

Also, the value for a state school versus a private school is another reason many students find their way here.

For the money, this university provides a great education, or at least has a heck of a placement percentage to show off.



These reasons are among the major ones, but what is the one reason that truly drives students to pull all-nighters, work a job and stay with it for four or more years?

The drive to be better.

It's natural for a person to want to become more than they are.

So it's logical then that college students attend classes to improve themselves and to recieve a degree in their field. With that degree in hand, a graduate can really start planning out the rest of their life. Cars, house, marriage, kids, it's all part of the drive to become more than we were and more than we thought we could be.

Completely switching gears now to an interesting side note, only on our great campus would the powers that be decide to plan advisement day and Homecoming within four days of each other.

Not that students are complaining, but it does seem somewhat counterproductive of the university to put two of the heaviest partying days that close to one another in the school year. Not that we are complaining.

Student life leads to stress? Get out!



AMBERLIGHT
Elizabth Bailey

So it's that time again; everything keeps piling up and you've got a gazillion things due all on the same day. Then, in the midst of trying to find the time to eat, you fall asleep on your books while studying for a test.

Maybe this isn't the way your semester is going, but there's always a point in which we get stressed out in our lives. It must be the American way to try to jam-pack your days with as much as inhumanly possible.

Not only are we full time students, with each class thinking as though it were the only class, but we also have to support ourselves. We work to eat and occasionally have fun with our money to maintain our sanity.

I know some of you know what I'm talking about: when it feels like the days all begin to blur together into one massive never ending time zone.

So when was the last time that I ate or slept? I don't remember because I'm concentrating on the list that's continually getting longer and longer.

Many of us procrastinate, but it gets to the point where you can't even do that anymore because you begin to run out of time for anything.

No wonder the majority of us drink to relieve stress; it is the easiest way for college students to relieve all of this stress. I'll be the first to admit that after I've finished midterms, I'm arranging to celebrate at the bars A.S.A.P.!

So how do we manage our stress better?

Eat a well-balanced diet that does not consist primarily of beer and pizza. Avoid nicotine, excessive caffeine and other stimulants. How the heck are we staying awake then?

Take breaks and get away when you can; get enough sleep. Ok, so that's not exactly possible when there's only 24 hours in a day. Anything that research has told us not to do, we end up doing to survive.

What makes us believe that we must fill our day with so many activities that we can't have any down time?

What if society was accepting of enjoying life at a pace that isn't 100 m.p.h.? Other nations live this way; why don't we.

Maybe the saying, "I'll sleep when I'm dead" isn't the wisest.

We should play just as hard as we work. Take time to stop and smell the roses.

Look at the end of your life and determine whether you'd like to look back at it and say you did everything you wanted to or at-least that you enjoyed it.

Then find a balance where you can accomplish what you want in life and get rid of everything else that you think you need to do, because you don't.

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Yes, I am related to To m Green



NICE PANTS
Matt Schubbe

I'm a celebrity! Well, kind of...

Bobcat Goldthwaite, noted comedian and the voice of "Mr. Floppy" on the series "Unhappily Ever-After," recently released a CD entitled "I don't mean to insult you, but you look just like Bobcat Goldthwaite."

It really got me thinking about my own life and similar statements that have been made about me recently.

O'l bob cat makes an interesting point: just because he isn't one of the better looking of our celebrities, why should someone be insulted if they're told they look like him?

Faithful readers of my column (all two of you) might be thinking: "What is he talking about? How does this apply to him?"

Well, like I said before, statements have been made about me looking an awful lot like the alternately loved/hated Tom Green.

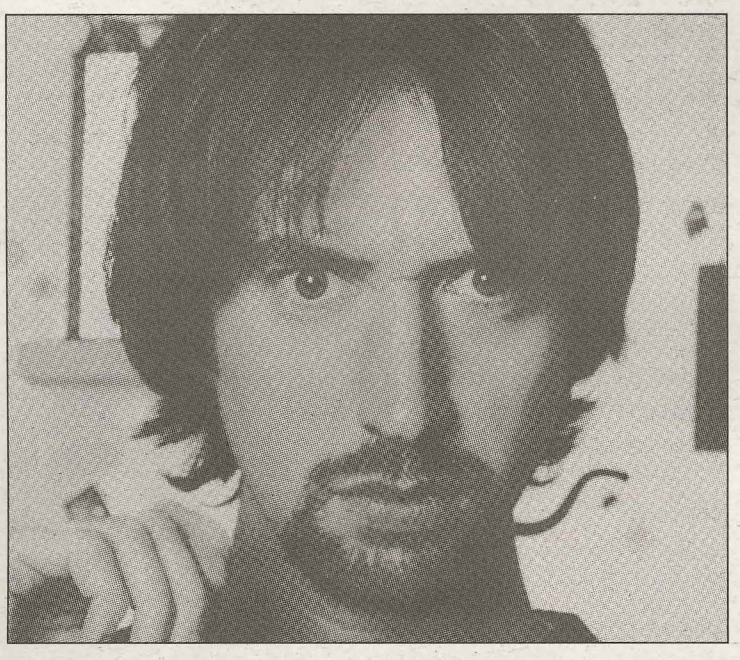
Now I'm not sure if I should take this as a compliment or not, especially based on one person's remark of, "You look like a celebrity, but I don't know if I should tell you which one. You may not like him."

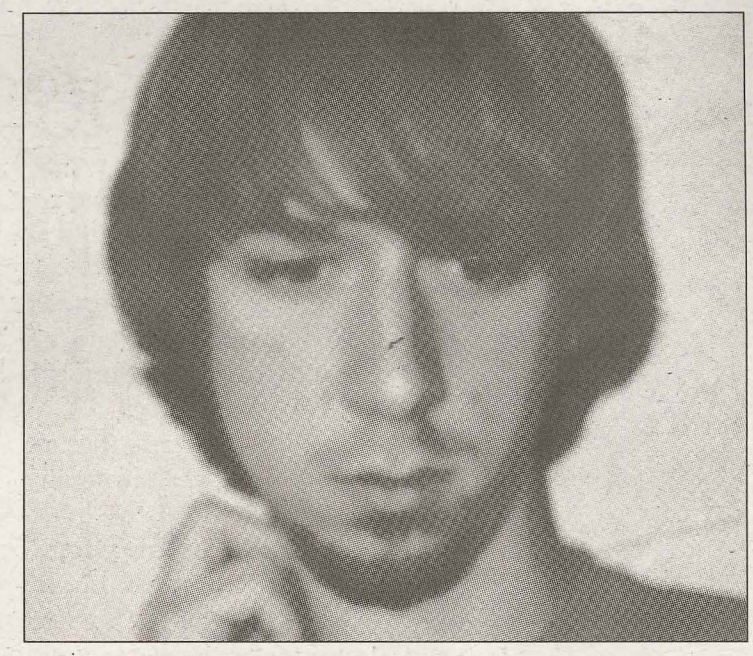
That was an ego booster, I'll tell you that much.

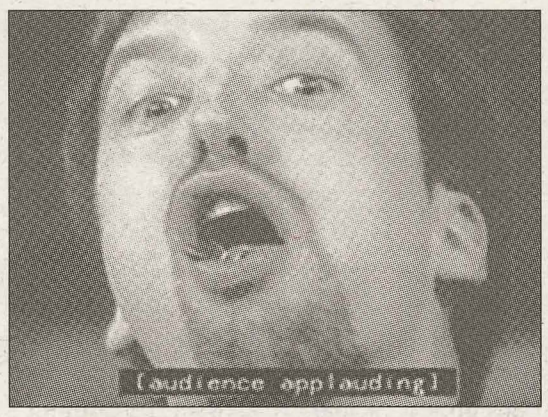
Since I'm not sure how true this is, and I really can't make an objective decision because I see myself all the time, I implore you dear readers to decide for me. I have included a few photo comparisons between Mr. Green and myself that I think will be helpful to you.

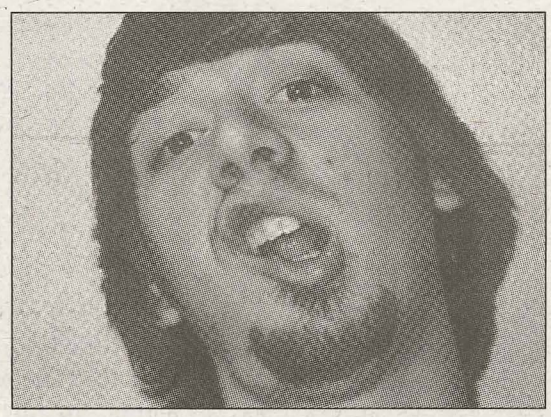
I also ask that if you feel strongly enough about this issue one way or another, write in to *The Stoutonia* in a letter with the editor expressing your views.

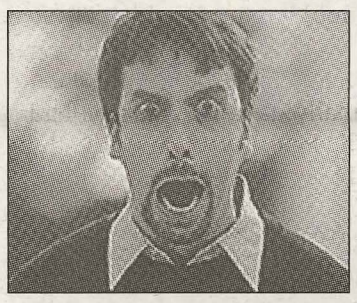
I really hope that I can get some feedback, then hopefully everyone at Penco will stop calling me "Mr. Green" every time I go to buy art supplies. Maybe I should just grow a mustache and get it over with.

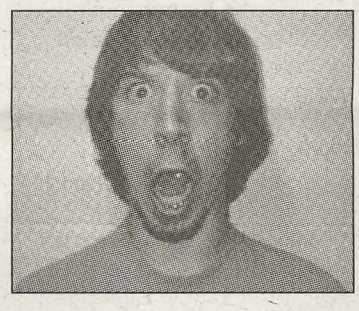














Letters to the Editor

Race issues issue

In response to the article by Joel Shaw, I am writing this in hopes that it may clear up some of the questions he and maybe other readers may have on this subject.

In a perfect world, cultural diversity would be a non-issue, but this is not a perfect world. In the world we live in, there is gay bashing, racial profiling, bigotry and mistrust for all of those who do not fit the image of who and what we think they should be.

The cultures of all the people who followed the English to the new world had their languages, customs and comforts shamed out of them. Anglo-Saxon features may have allowed them to blend in, but they had to conform, change their style of dress to look proper and learn to enunciate without an accent. They had to learn how to speak English!

The general population of this region is of Norwegian and German ancestry. How many of you can still speak those languages and practice the old customs? Maybe a few of you can but I think you can see my point. This is an example of what happens to us when we do not appreciate the differences in other people and respect those differences. The things that make use unique fade away.

If you think the only contribution Blacks have made in this country is to music, sports and southern home cooking, then you need cultural diversity. If you believe the Hmong population is getting a free ride at the expense of real Americans and have no idea of how they came to be here, you need cultural diversity. If you believe Native Americans jumped for joy at the thought of living on a reservation, you need remedial history and cultural diversity. If you believe that whites have been vilified by the past and are being forced to embrace people of different cultures against their will, you need to do some serious soul searching.

Rodney Dukes
UW-Stout student

I am responding to two items on the editorial page of last week's *Stoutonia*. First, I strongly object to the illustration accompanying the commentary on Rush Limbaugh's latest. It is a grossly stereotypical. The fact that *the Stoutonia* staff let that illustration appear pretty much gives the lie to the main point of the editorial, which seems to be that we are ready, as a people, to abandon references to race.

Second, I am responding to Joel Shaw's editorial. He notes that diversity has nothing to do with color, and then defends his own for the rest of the article. A number of times Shaw indicates that he, either personally or in print, has been excluded from Plan 2008, blamed for past history, or told that he has it easy. These sweeping generalizations need some concrete evidence in order to be credible.

In closing, I want to ask this: does the appearance on the editorial page of both the racist illustration and the article challenging the inclusion of color indicate a new direction for *The Stoutonia*? I sincerely hope not.

Mary Riordan, Director
Multicultural Student
Services & Diversity

Beetles, Not beetles

An article in your October 16 issue "Beetles cover face of campus" mistakenly scrambled the Asian lady bug, a real pest on campus, with the Japanese beetle.

Most of your article described the Japanese beetle ("destructive plant pests.... destroy turf in lawns..." etc.) which is a different non-native insect, found in the far southeast corner of Wisconsin, and occassionaly central Wisconsin, but not this far north.

Japanese beetles are green and coppery-colored beetles, about a half-inch long, and are very destructive of plants. The Asian lady bug is the insect which has been a pest in our part of the state when it gathers in the fall to hibernate.

The Asian lady bug is a much smaller (about 1/4 inch) orange insect with black spots, which is pushing our native, smaller ladybug out of its habitat.

The Asian lady bug was brought into America because it eats aphids, which attack plants. It does not eat plants itself. Except for outcompeting our native ladybugs, and their congregations in the fall, they are beneficial in the way they destroy aphids.

I urge your reporters to be more careful about the articles they write. Now, either a number of people will mistakenly call the pesty Asian lady bug a Japanese beetle, or once they learn that it is not, be less likely to believe anything they read in *The Stoutonia*. Neither of these are desireable consequences, and could have been averted if the reporter had done just a little background research before plowing ahead with the article.

Ken Parejko
Biology Department

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The 411

Oct. 23 to Oct. 30

Thursday, Oct. 23
>Kappa Lambda Beta Rock-A-Thon 2003, courtyard between Harvey & Bowman Hall & Administration Bldg.
>Greg Brown, folk musician, 7:30 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre $19 adults, $17 students
>Brokenword, 8 p.m., MSC Great Hall, free

Friday, Oct. 24
>UW-Stout Volleyball Tournament, 4 p.m., Johnson Fieldhouse
>Men and Women Cross Country at Lake Wissota Invite, 4 p.m., Chippewa Falls
>Nic Johnson and special guest Prihoda, rock concert, 7 p.m., Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, free
>Chris Rock, comedian, 8 p.m., Historic Orpheum Theatre, Minneapolis, Minn., cost varies

Saturday, Oct. 25
>Trip to Mall of America, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., meet in front of library, $5 for transportation
>Football, UW-River Falls vs. UW-Stout, 1 p.m., Williams Stadium

Sunday, Oct. 26
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Turn your clocks back one hour!
> Tonic Sol-fa, a capella quartet, fundraiser concert, 7 p.m., Baldwin-Woodville High School, Baldwin, Wis., tickets at http://www.tonicsolfa.com, $12 adults, $10 children 18 and under

Monday, Oct. 27
No events scheduled

Tuesday, Oct. 28
>Dark Days, documentary of homeless people, 7 p.m., MSC Huff's, free

Wednesday, Oct. 29
>Red Cross Bloodmobile, blood donation, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., MSC Great Hall

Thursday, Oct. 30
>Red Cross Bloodmobile, blood donation, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., MSC Great Hall
>North Campus Trick or Treating, 5:30-7 p.m., donation to food pantry
>Spoken Word Open Mic, 8 p.m., MSC
>Halloween Bowling and Costume Pageant, 10 p.m.-12 p.m., $1 w/costume, $2 w/o costume $2.50/game bowling

Have anything to add to the Campus Calander? Send suggestions to Tim @ Stoutonia or solfestt@uwstout.edu

Comedian is all the Buzz



EVENT REVIEW
Eric Iverson

Buzz Sutherland, the well-practiced comedian, performed an hour-long set of original, side-splitting material on Tuesday, Oct. 21 in Huff's at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Not only was his delivery and material polished, but his quick wit and spontaneity showed his downright comic genius.

From Menomonie's bike police, to drunks, to his grandma sounding like a cat hacking up a hairball, Sutherland covered it all.

"His impressions were hilarious," said Ashley Williams, a junior in interior design. "I couldn't stop laughing."

After about a half-hour of new material, Sutherland finally gave us what we had all been waiting for: the "Duck Job." Sutherland is the originator of the "Duck Job," an impression of the noises promiscuous ducks would make that have been posted on the Internet in e-mails, Web sites and forums.

"Once he started with the duck, it got really good," said Jake Cook, a freshman in technology education. "He never stopped with his facial expressions either."

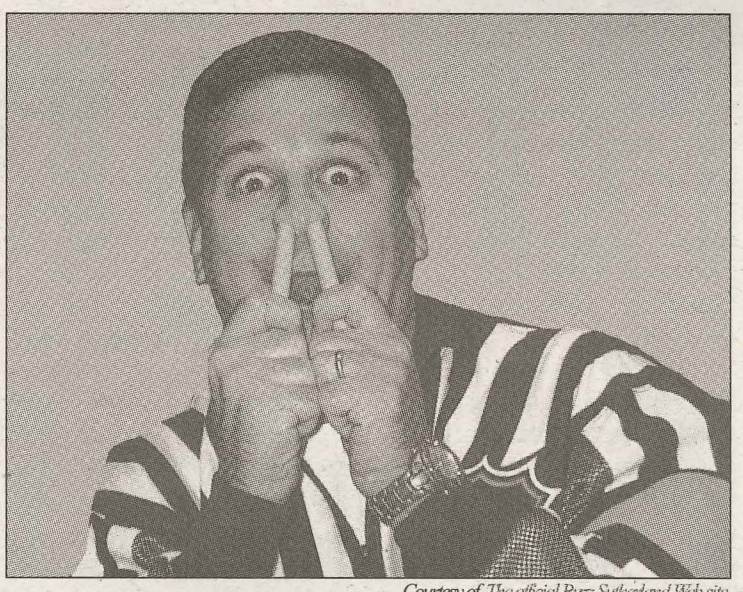
Sutherland proved that God exists by demonstrating how the Crocodile Hunter repeatedly aggravates dangerous animals and then somehow eludes them. From there, he went on to do impressions from "King of the Hill" and Tom Hanks.

After the "Duck Job," came the often imitated, never duplicated, flashlight-in-the-nose-show to the tune of "Dueling Banjos." I hate to use the common cliché, but you just had to be there.

"It was hilarious; I can't compare it to anything," said Quentin Lenz, a sophomore in general business administration.

Lenz was invited on stage by Sutherland to help perform a dance that just can't be explained in words.

"It's always pretty funny when I'm made fun of. I always bring the party," said Lenz.



Courtesy of The official Buzz Sutherland Web site

Buzz Sutherland, 1998-2001 Comedian of the Year, put on a side-splitting show that featured flashlights up the comedian's nose while "Dueling Banjos" played.

Sutherland has quite the list of awards to prove he is the best when it comes to college humor. He won the Comedian of the Year from 1998 to 2001 from the National Association for College Activities (NACA).

"I am on a tour with 93 shows in 86 days, and if the next 51 shows could go this well, I would love it," said Sutherland.

Opening for Sutherland was UW-Stout student Ben Kissel. Stage presence and delivery were his strong points. He used all of the stage and only referred to notes when he had to.

Kissel opened the show with clever material and hilarious analogies about UW-Stout.

Kissel said that Chancellor Sorensen writing a book about an efficient and effective campus is like O.J. writing a book about happy marriage.

"He [Kissel] had good material," said Williams. "He talked about student life which was funny because we can all relate to that."

RIAA says RIP to music pirates



HOT ISSUE
Jaime VandenHoogen

Have you ever thought of yourself as a pirate? You may not roam the seas on a ship, wear an eye patch or steal treasure, but if you download music you may as well change your name to Captain Hook.

CDs cost an average of $13, and special edition or rare CDs can cost over $20. Not many people want to pay full price for the CD when they can simply download it online for the inexpensive cost of a CD-R.

Downloading music became popular with the creations of Napster and Aimster. While both of these companies have closed because legal actions were taken against them, several other companies have started in their absence. KaZaA, WinMX and iMesh are several of the new companies still making downloading possible.

While this is great for music lovers, many others are hurt by downloads. Songwriters, artists, musicians and record labels are unable to maintain livelihoods and are beginning to look for new careers. Without these professions, the quality of music will decrease.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) is the leader in the attempt to control and punish piracy. It identifies and shuts down music pirates in order to save the record industry. It has closed down hundreds of manufacturing and distributing operations or companies overseas and in the United States in order to protect copyrighted material.

Bands such as The Black Crowes, Creed and Metallica, greatly support the RIAA. These musicians believe that the Internet is stealing their livelihoods and their income.

There are artists, however, that support the downloading of music.

Alanis Morrisette believes that downloading connects artists to their audiences and fans more than CD sales do. According to Morrisette, the only people that benefit from CD sales are the recording companies; musicians make their money from touring and merchandise sales.

Consequences for breaking the copyright law can be steep. If a person downloads lyrics or music and sells them for their own personal profit, he/she will receive five years in prison and up to $250,000 in fines; repeat offenders can receive up to ten years in prison and the same amount in fines.

Online downloading for personal use only can result in three years in prison and $250,000 in fines plus attorney fees and trial costs.

These are all consequences that the average college student cannot afford. However, the RIAA considers itself generous as it often send a warning e-mail to violators. This warning e-mail is part of the Digital Millennium Copyright Acts (DMCA).

Under this act, a subpoena is sent to the Internet Service Provider in order to get the contact information of the offender. This is when the offender receives the e-mail to get rid of all illegal music files on their computer.

The RIAA is not the only organization to attempt to solve this problem.

Around the beginning of this month, record companies announced that they were lowering their CD prices. Universal Records was the first to drop prices and since then several others have followed suit. Record labels began this trend to encourage consumers to buy entire albums rather than download the music online.

To avoid three to five years in prison and $250,000 worth of fines, the RIAA has agreed to be lenient with those that contact it and tell it that they have been involved in these violations.

If you sign an agreement to delete all illegal material on your computer and to never illegally download again, the RIAA will let you go without any consequences. You can do this by going to http://www.musicunited.org.

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Texas Chainsaw is massacred



MOVIE REVIEW
Glenn Hintze

What can be more frightening than a chainsaw wielding maniac? A remake of the original horror classic, of course. At least that's what the makers of the new "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" want us to think.

The story remains relatively the same and follows the typical horror motif. A group of teens gets lost and has to run around the woods away from a mass murdering psycho. Most films that begin this way are contemptible enough, clichéd in every possible way.

Both the original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and the remake share the boredom of the typical slasher flick, but for some reason, it's more forgivable in the original.

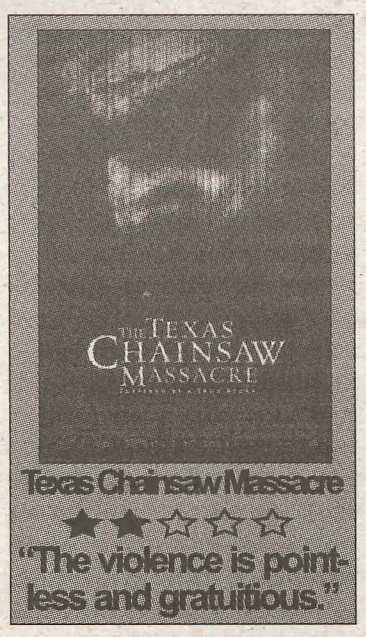
Perhaps it's the dated set pieces that make the weaknesses forgivable. The remake, however, should have learned from the mistakes of the original and not multiplied them.

Isn't that the purpose of a remake? To be inspired by something and to make a unique interpretation - a refreshing look at an old story, updated and repaired.

The formula is not followed in this remake. The updated version only adds fancy special effects to plead its case.

The frightening aspect of the original story was the pure, unadulterated rage and lack of conscience of the killer, Leatherface. The fact that it was based upon a true story only fueled the fear. It may be scary to think of people being subjected to such violence, but to know it happened in real life is completely different.

That being said, the acceptable limits of on-screen violence has certainly changed since 1974. The original, while scary, is limited in that it shows the cultural norms of the time, and thus it relies more on the implication of terror and violence than the actual sight of it. The remake, however, uses violence as nothing more than a crutch.



Some of the worst horror acting in a while - and that is saying something - and the lack of any new and original scare tactics force this ubiquitous and obscene use of gore and violence.

In my opinion, gruesome violence is acceptable in a film when it is dictated by the narrative, take for instance any of Quentin Tarantino's films. Ultra-violence abounds in his films,but only to the point for which it is necessary to tell the story.

In the new "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," violence is pointless and gratuitous; it only makes the audience wince, leave the theatre or in some cases, vomit.

A group of 17-year-old kids could be heard exclaiming how "cool" the bloodbath scenes were, which brings up another point. Who in the world wants the youth of America so desensitized to brutality that they can overlook the obvious flaws of a film and enjoy the sheer body count? I'm personally frightened for our future.

For horror fans, I need not tell you that through its clichéd and time stamped flaws, the original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" remains a classic. Everyone who appreciates a good slasher film has this one on the shelves next to "Friday the 13th" and "Halloween."

A word of warning to everyone, even those who love horror, do not waste 98 precious minutes of your life on this piece of filth.

Hunting for homemade eats? Head to Pioneer



FEED YOUR BELLY
Paige Klein

Want another food and bar experience? Just outside of downtown Menomonie is the recently renovated Pioneer Grill and Saloon.

The establishment is on County Road D, off Highway 25 north. It offers a range of food from mid-day express lunch to late night munchies.

The food and bar combination is becoming increasingly popular in and around Menomonie. It is common for restaurants to promote their saloon side while taverns entertain the idea of adding a full-service restaurant to their facilities.

So I'm sure you are asking, "Why should I even bother to head out to the Pioneer when there are plenty of options closer to campus?"

"I heard that they have good food," replies Jessica Kooiman, a senior in graphic design. "One day I might go if I was hungover."

So the pro and con list begins.

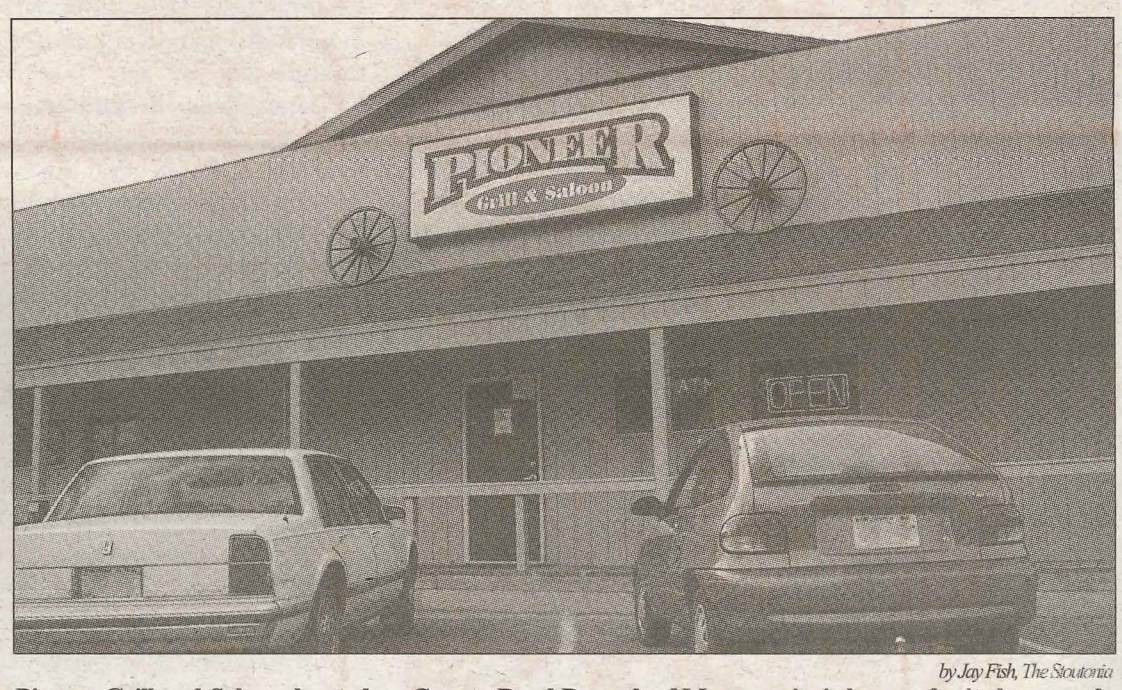
The Pioneer is extremely clean and well maintained. There are plenty of tables available and room for dining at the bar as well. During the warmer months, the spacious outdoor patio is a viable seating option. The heated outdoor bar is excellent for those nice but cool nights.

"Homemade" is not usually a word you hear in reference to anything made at a bar, but homemade pizzas are one of the mainstays on the Lunch Express and Late Night menus at the Pioneer.

The entrees range from broasted chicken on the lunch buffet to the prime rib sandwich special on Tuesday nights, not to mention the normal burgers and appetizers that you can count on at a "grill" establishment.

Some unique facets of the Pioneer include the Lunch Buffet available Monday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with a "Lunch Club" where the tenth lunch is on the Pioneer.

Several items on the regular menu are coded as Late Night specials, meaning that the bar will continue to take orders for those items after 9 p.m. when the regular kitchen closes. The Pioneer also offers food for take out.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

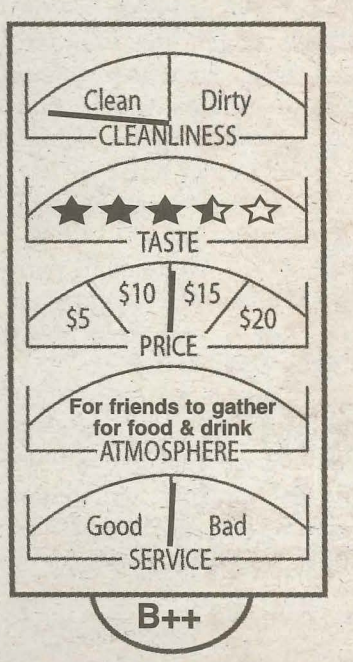
Pioneer Grill and Saloon, located on County Road D north of Menomonie, is known for its homemade menu items and lunch buffet. The establishment has ample seating inside and out for restaurant patrons.

In terms of service, you might find the Pioneer lacking. Although the bartender is more than willing to take your order if you approach the bar, there was not a waitress to be found near dinnertime on a weeknight. This might be a problem if the bartender is busy with other patrons. However, you could easily get your food in less than 10-15 minutes.

Taste is also a comparable aspect. If you enjoy burgers, fries and pizza-type foods, then you may thoroughly enjoy the Pioneer. It is definitely a place that caters towards lovers of greasy and deep-fried foods.

You may question the ambience of the Pioneer as it compares to other restaurants in town. Being that it is a bar, restaurant patrons must accept that the indoor atmosphere may be smoky.

Also, since the establishment is not close to campus, it tends to draw townies and construction workers as opposed to people of the University of Wisconsin-Stout community during the daytime. At night and during the weekend, however, it is not uncommon to find some of UW-Stout's finest working at and/or enjoying the Pioneer.





Price is usually a concern for most college students. The Pioneer is fairly priced for the value of its food. For an appetizer and a sandwich, one could spend around $10, not including the tip. Add a drink, and the bill would still be under $15.

Would I personally drive the 15 minutes out to the Pioneer for a meal? For the taste, cleanliness, speediness and price I would go back in a heartbeat. My only stipulation is for better service and some company. Next time I will take some friends to share the cheese curds with!

Editor's note:
The Taste Rating for The Waterfront in last week's issue should have been 3.5 stars.

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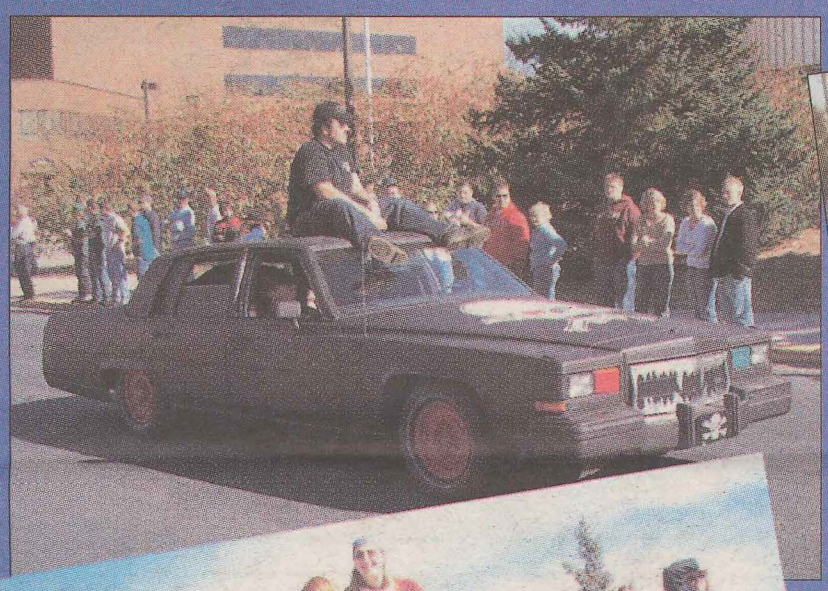
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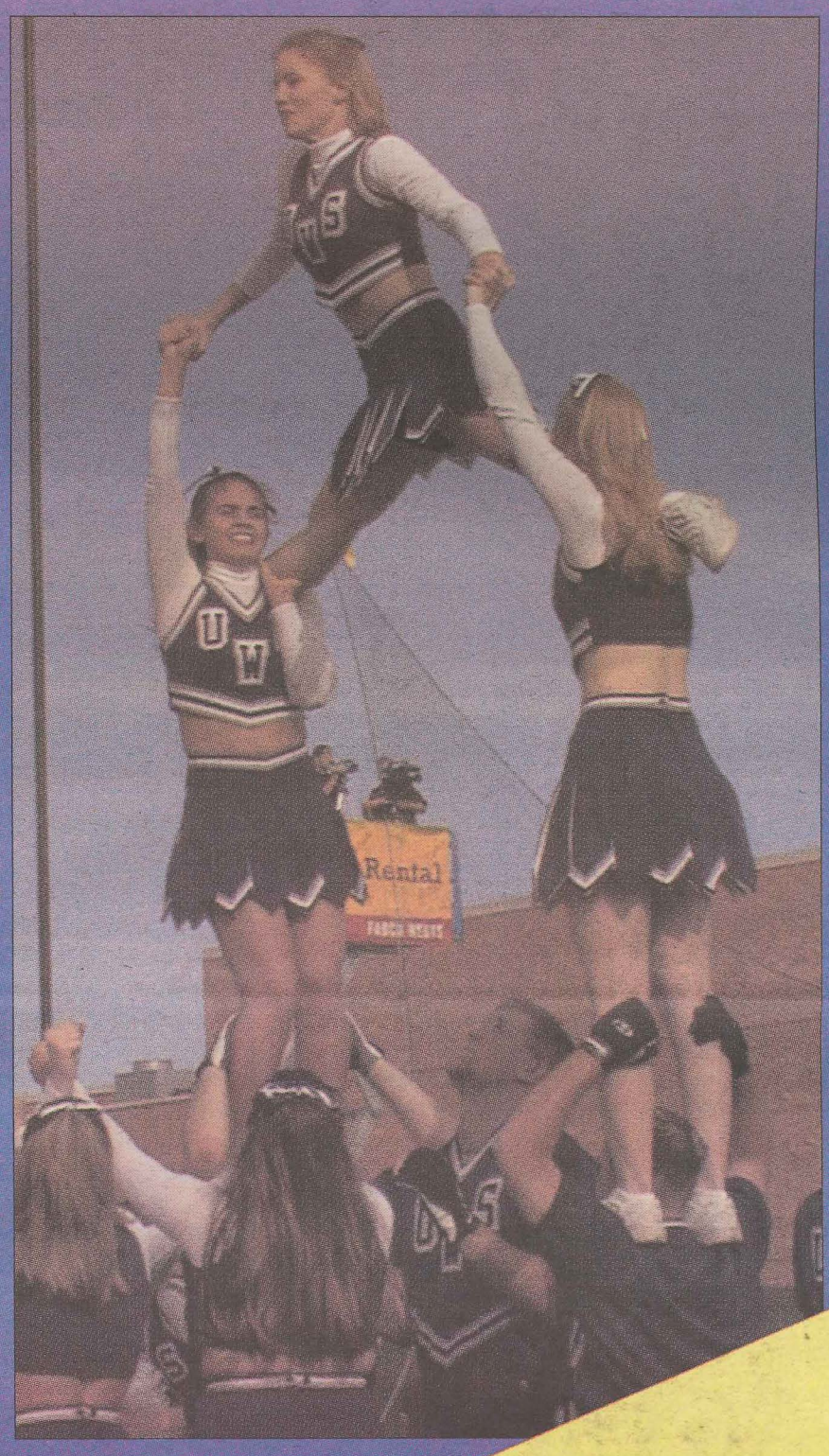


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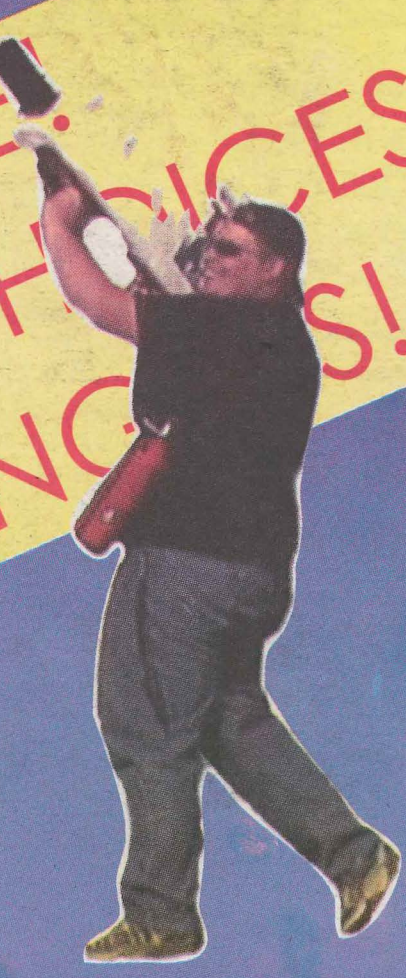








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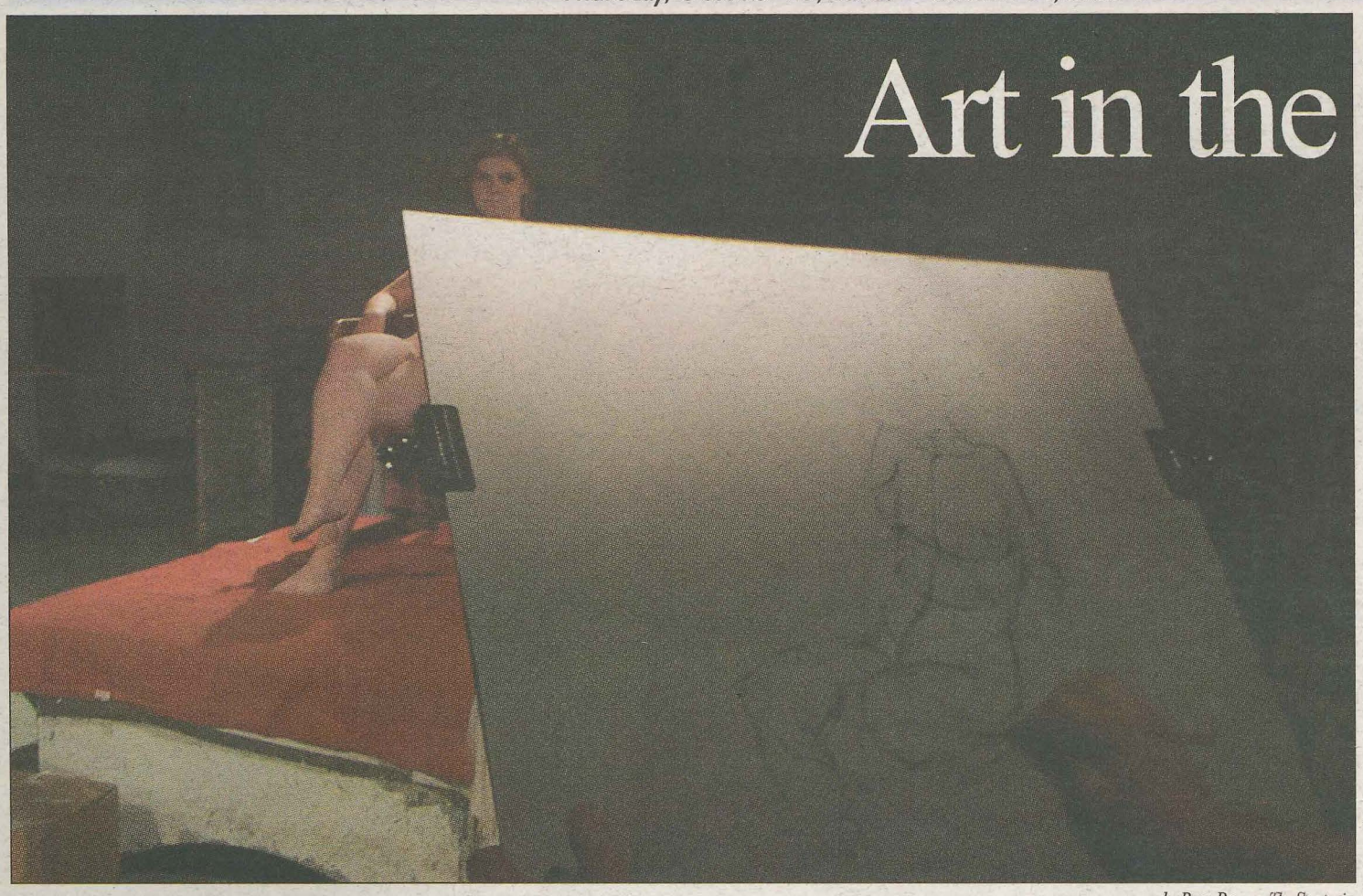
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Art in the Nude



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Adrienne Grossmann, a life drawing model, sat posed in a chair as a group of students that attended Wednesdays open drawing sketched her figure.

Lindsey Schuldt

Everyone's had that dream. The one where you're standing in front of a crowd of people you don't know, completely naked. The reaction for some would be to run; for others, it's easier to simply sit down, relax and get paid.

In college, where money is a precious commodity, some people will do anything for a buck. Some students are willing bare it all for education and a paycheck.

"I was offered a job that pays twice as much to pose for a nude photograph collection. I might have needed the money, but I said no because doing that is different than posing for education," said Rae Seamans, a sophomore apparel design and development major.

Seamans has been a Life Drawing model for close to a year and finds the job very rewarding. Basically, her job entails attending a three-hour class once or twice a week and allowing University of Wisconsin-Stout art students to draw her from all angles.

"Generally, I do ten short poses (gestures) and maybe two poses that I hold for about an hour," added Dylan Ritchie, a senior studio art major. Ritchie started as a Life Drawing model this semester.

While Seamans decided to model for the class because she had always thought it would be a fun and interesting experience, Ritchie had taken the class prior to this year and felt it was something that would not only fit into his schedule but reward his work as an artist.

"Having to hold some of the positions gives you a new perspective on the pain the person posing is going through," Ritchie said. "It helps to put feeling into your drawings."

After sitting or standing in the given position, the model must freeze for the next hour, yet remain incredibly relaxed.

"Being in the same pose for one hour is hard on your body; last year, I took garlic pills because otherwise my circulation would have been all screwed up," Seamans noted. "Once you're in a pose, all you think about is the pain."

"It's like any other job where you lift weights; you ache the same," Ritchie agreed.

Some people are scared of this job because of negative views friends, family and significant others my have. For both Ritchie and Seamans, their support groups have been understanding.

Seamans' boyfriend also happens to be a Life Drawing model.

"It works out nicely because he can't be [mad] at me and vice versa," said Seamans.

When she was interviewed for the job, Seamans said one of the first questions was whether she had a boyfriend. Instructors ask this question to make sure that there won't be any issues that will interrupt the ability of the model to do his or her job.

There have been several displays of boyfriends who have had a problem with their girlfriend's job and had come into the classrooms screaming at the teachers.

Both Seamans and Ritchie's parents know

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GLACURH brings leaders to UW-Stout

Regional conference for residence hall leaders comes to campus

Aaron Zaffke

The annual conference for the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (GLACURH) is taking place at the University of Wisconsin-Stout Nov. 7-9.

GLACURH brings student leaders together from the Great Lake states: Michigan, Ontario, Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois. They attend sessions and roundtable discussions put on by students and advisors. The conference gives students a chance to network and make invaluble connections with the surrounding region.

"This conference is going to be a great opportunity for residence hall leaders to see our campus and the passion our student leaders have," said GLACURH 2003 conference chair Brianna "Breezy" Smith, a senior in vocational rehabilitation and special education.

The "GLACURH 2003: Life in the Fast Lane" conference is focused on leadership enhancement, giving student leaders tools and resources for improving the quality of life for students on their campus.

Every conference includes a philanthropy project, and this year attendees will also be able to participate in a book drive. The conference delegates work in their home communities collecting children's books and/or money to donate to a local organization preceding their attendance at the conference.

"I've been impressed with the students coordinating GLACURH," said Amy McGovern, community development coordinator. "They devote huge amounts of time to their conference roles as well as being students and leaders in other campus organizations."

McGovern isn't the only one showing enthusiam for the weekend.

"This is the first year GLACURH has been hosted at UW-Stout, and from talking to other schools, it seems like everyone is very excited and enthused about attending," said the national communications coordinator for UW-Stout, Jen Dittrich a senior in human development, family studies. "There will be a lot of energy roaming the campus that weekend."

UW-Stout's campus isn't the only place the energy will be "roaming" that weekend. The AmericInn and Best Western are booked solid for the weekend as they await the arrival of approximately 500 student leaders representing 50 colleges from the surrounding region.



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(left to right) **Amanda Brajner, Jen Dittrich, Danie Wojcik.** (bottom) **Breezy Smith. After winning last year's philanthropy project, UW-Stout representative, Smith, took a pie in the face.**

"We really appreciate the business we get from the college," said Dianne Vandyke, front desk representative for the Best Western.

More information about "GLACURH 2003: Life in the Fast Lane," can be found at the following website: http://www.uwstout.edu/housing/glacurh/

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Technology enhances lectures

Stephanie Deshler

The College of Arts and Sciences currently provides 95 percent of the general education courses offered on campus. Most of the courses that will soon be available online will be general education courses.

One class from each section of general education courses is hoped to be online within 18 months. Nearly half are already offered for students who prefer or need the flexability of an online course.

"Traditional students aren't the same," said John Murphy, the Dean of the Arts and Sciences. "They are working, some can't even be on campus when courses are offered because of co-ops or internships."

All of this is in the preliminary stages of development and nothing has been finalized yet.

"If everything goes good, we'll move forward, but if it goes bad, we'll drop it there," Murphy said.

Although online courses can be better for students who can't be on campus, the courses will not be easier or require less work than traditional classroom courses.

"The online students have an advantage to learning because they are completely reliant on themselves," said Clark Leeson, a professor from the English department. "The worst thing an online student can do is fall behind."

Professors don't get the same advantages as students get from offering more courses online. It actually more time to teach an online class than to teach a traditional course in the classroom.

"I believe the stress level is increased for the student," said Michael Martin, a first-year professor in the English department. "The class is initially exponentially more work than traditional classes for me, too."

Professors must include all lectures, assignments, quizzes, exams and course content in typed form.

When the University of Wisconsin-Stout began offering online classes in the late 1990s, the drop rate was tremendous.

"When I first started teaching online classes, the drop rate was 20 percent," Leeson said. "Back then students didn't know what an online class was going to be like and how hard it would actually be."

Today the online class drop rate is similar to courses offered in the classroom.

Classes offered online may hinder the student-professor relationship, but Murphy feels that advantages out-weigh the disadvantages.

"I have to work very hard to make my personality show through in an online class," said Leeson. "I have to work to let my students know that I am there for them. I think comments written on a paper may seem harsher than if it was face-to-face."

According to 86 percent of all universities, online education is a critical future strategy.

Most faculty and staff agree with Murphy about online experiences being a good thing for those involved.

"I think that the positive part of an online is that it requires a greater sense of accountability for both student and instructor," said Martin.

Nude /drawing form

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about their side jobs and reluctantly have approved. Seamans' mother is a liberal fan of art, so despite the initial shock, she is very supportive of her daughter.

"I think it's really fantastic," said Jane Weil, a junior apparel design major a friends of Seamans. "I would never do it, but I'm in awe of people who are comfortable enough to do it themselves. You have to be a really awesome person to put yourself out there like that."

Art students are not the only ones who are capable of becoming Life Drawing models. Amy Fichter, an assistant professor of Art and Design, teaches one of the Life Drawing classes that focuses mainly on anatomy.

"It's always good to have a variety," Fichter commented, referring to both body types and applicants. "Typically people think of nude models as females, but we have about half [males] and half [females]."

Sometimes theater students will apply for the job to take care of their stage fright, while other times freshmen will apply for the position because they need the money. Interested? Don't go running to get an application just yet.

"Not everybody could do it," commented Ritchie.

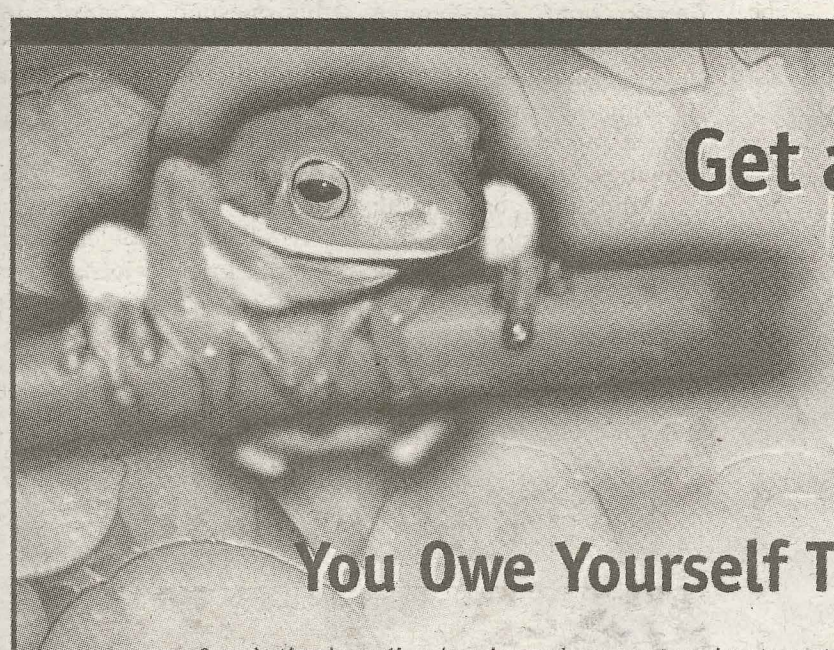
Some of the highlights of the job include the people you meet, body image and getting to see the way other people depict your body.

"Most people are really talented in the classes," Ritchie commented, also noting that the teachers who run the classes are extremely sweet and caring, making models feel at home.

Life Drawing is a three credit course offered every semester with Drawing I and II as a prerequisite.

If anyone is interested in life drawings, every Wednesday there is an open drawing session on third floor, Applied Arts from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. where everyone is welcome to sit in and draw.

"Some days, you just don't want to be naked," Seamans said. "[Although] the great thing about nude modeling is you never have to wear a uniform."



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STOUTWATCH

Ann Syrstad

Life is full of risks. Whether large or small, they are inevitable. We have all taken risks. Whether it seems like it or not, risks are behaviors that shouldn't be overlooked.

This past week, I spent five days in Las Vegas. Talk about risks. From the black-jack tables to the prostitutes, risks were everywhere.

From this trip, I was able to evaluate some of my values in regards to risk taking.

Personally, I would rather buy a new pair of jeans than "donate" money to some stupid casino. At least with the jeans you are guaranteed a win. You pay the money and get the jeans. At the casino, risk is just too scary for me.

Have you ever approached a person you didn't know and struck up a conversation? That's also a risk. Maybe you made a fool out of yourself or maybe you really hit it off and are friends because of it.

Maybe the person you approached blew you off or maybe they were flattered. I'd like to think that the people I choose for this column are nice genuine people that will not blow you off. They took the risk of public exposure in *The Stoutonia*, so why not take the risk and talk to these people?



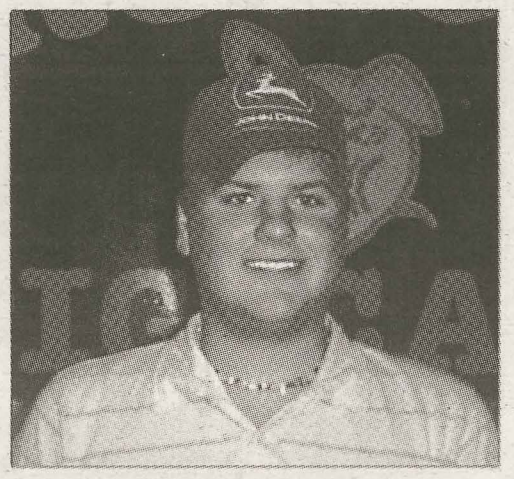
Heidi Heytens - 22
senior in marketing education

Ann Syrstad, The Stoutonia

Hometown: Superior, Wis.
Relationship status: Dating
Favorite....
Movie: "Shawshank Redemption"
TV Show: "Friends"
Beverage: well...yeah, its beer
Store: Banana Republic, Express
Toothpaste: Colgate
Bar: The Market
Shampoo: Biolage
Professor: Thor Burntvedt
Restaurant: The Olive Garden

One or the other:
Pepsi or Coke: Diet Pepsi
White or wheat bread: whatever I have at home
Packers or Vikings: Packers

Least favorite thing about UW-Stout: I have to go to class
Favorite thing about UW-Stout: The people I go to school with
One word that best describes you: I don't think I could pick just one
Where do you buy groceries in Menomonie? Marketplace Foods
If you could marry one famous person who would it be? Why? Matt LeBlanc - do I even have to explain? He's beautiful!
What do you do for fun? Hang out with friends, go shopping, watch movies
How do you like your eggs? In the shell still in the carton - that way I don't have to eat them
Biggest pet peeve? People who drive slow in the left lane
Worst bad habit: Second guessing myself
Dream car: Mercedes convertible



Ross Glad - 22
senior in technical education

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Relationship status: Single

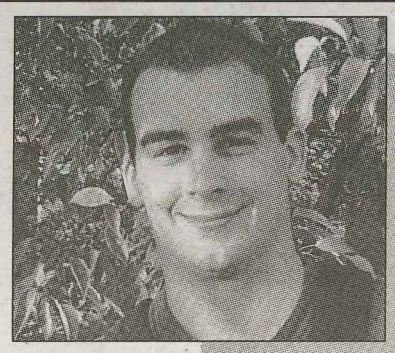
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One or the other:
Pepsi or Coke: Water
White or wheat bread: Wheat
Packers or Vikings: I'm more of a Twins fan, but Vikings

Least favorite thing about UW-Stout: Budget cuts, class
Favorite thing about UW-Stout: Friends
One word that best describes you: Glad
Where do you buy groceries in Menomonie? Lammer's
If you could marry one famous person who would it be? Why? Anyone rich, famous and attractive
What do you do for fun? Party, fish and ski
How do you like your eggs? However someone cooks them for me.
Biggest pet peeve? People peeing on my couch
Worst bad habit: Wearing the same clothes
Dream car: 1970 Chevelle SS

Slant

What is the worst thing you could say in a job interview?



"I have to check with my parole officer."

Curtis Clements
general business
junior



"I am not always drunk, I'm nervous."

Katie Ohrmundt
general business
senior



"Let me check my other offers."

Ellen Schuetz
graphic design
freshman

"Can I take my vacation the first week?"

Larry Richardson
CET
senior



Next Week:

If you could dress up your roommate, what would you dress he or she up as?

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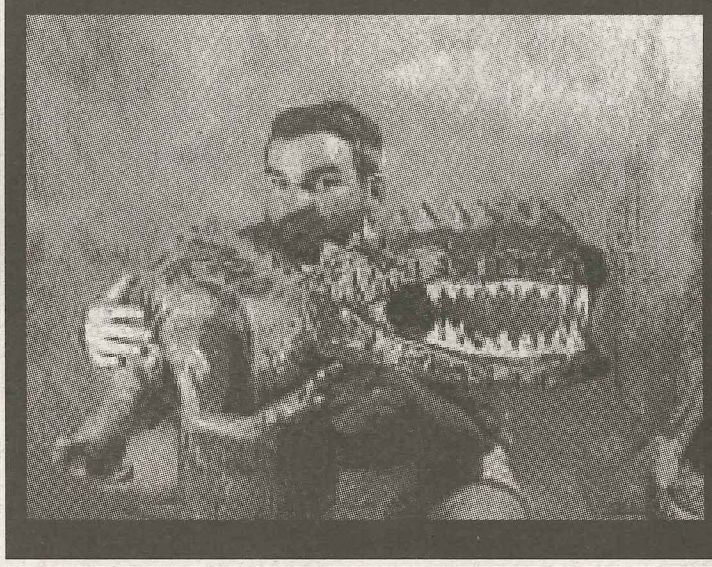
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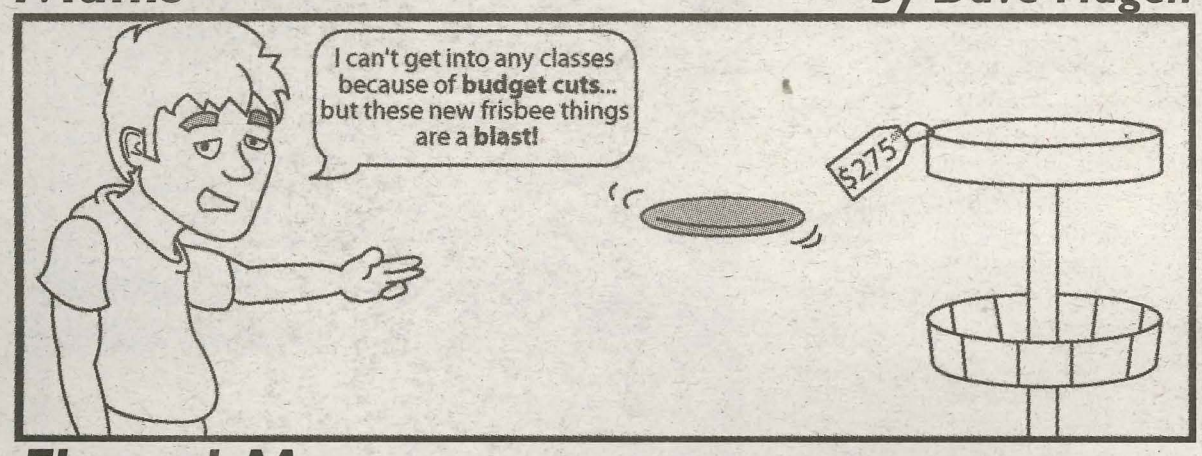
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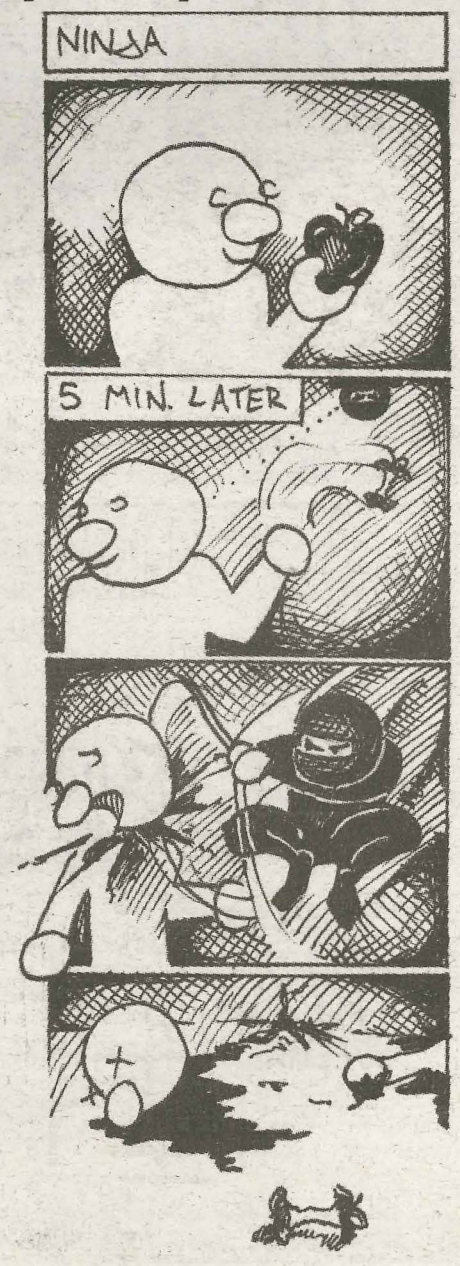
Another boring comic

by Aaron Krueger



Life and Adventures

by Andy Christensen



SPORTS

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Cross country to host WIAC

Wesley Simonis

The University of Wisconsin-Stout cross country team will have the benefit of running its home course while hosting the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The championship will be held at Whitetail Golf Course, which is located just east of Menomonie in Colfax, Wis.

Nine teams from the WIAC will be participating. The women will run a 6K, starting at 11 a.m., and the men will run an 8K, starting at noon. The WIAC championship rotates to each school yearly and comes to UW-Stout once every nine years.

Both the UW-Stout men and women's teams will be looking to bring home the WIAC cross country title for the first time in school history.

Last year's men's champion was the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, who came in with an outstanding score of 38 points. The women will be hoping to beat last year's champions with 45 points, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The UW-Stout men and women's teams will be looking to improve from the seventh place finish they had last year.

"Anytime you have home field advantage it is bound to be a good show," said men's coach Josh Buchholtz. "Our guys are going to be out there practicing hard and getting a feel for the course."

Buchholtz also said he is confident that his team will perform well in the competition. All the teams in the conference have had the benefit of running the course this season when UW-Stout hosted a meet earlier in the fall. Buchholtz believes that this is one of the best courses he has seen and expects fast times from all the participating teams.

"It's mainly an advantage for us because we won't have to break our routine," said women's coach Joe Harlen. "It is also a benefit for the runners to sleep in their own beds and not have to travel."

Harlen added that the runners will get to eat their own food, which plays a big role in proper energy for a meet.

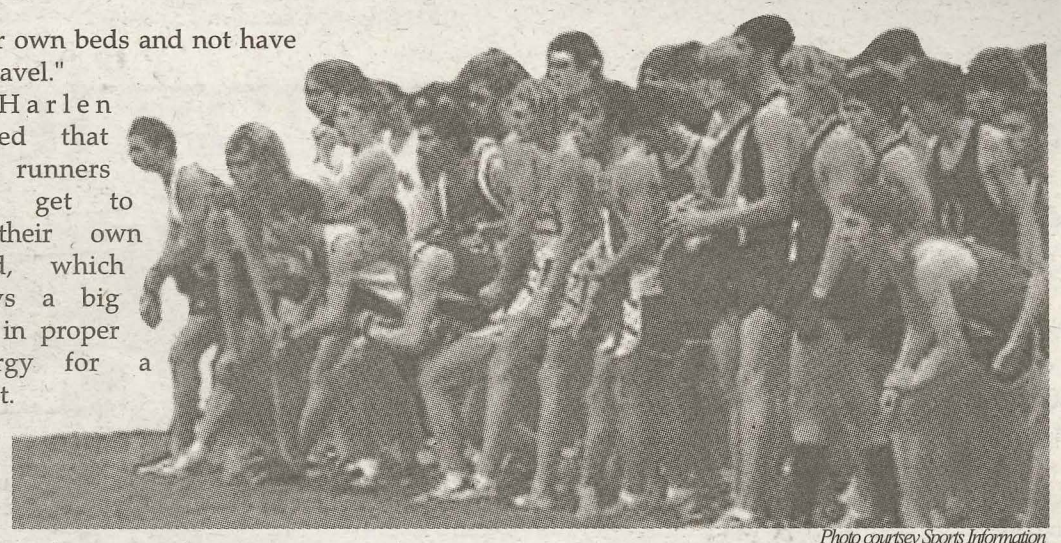


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The WIAC confrence championship will be held at Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, Wis. Nine teams will be competing for this year's title.

"I think we have an advantage because we are more aware of the course," said Krista Jahimiak, a freshman in psychology. "We have a better idea of what we're capable of."

For Buchholtz and Harlen, this is the first time they will get to experience hosting a confrence championship since joining the Blue Devil squad.

The few lucky runners who get to race at home will feel privileged because this race will not be back until 2012. Don't plan to skip out on this rare opportunity.

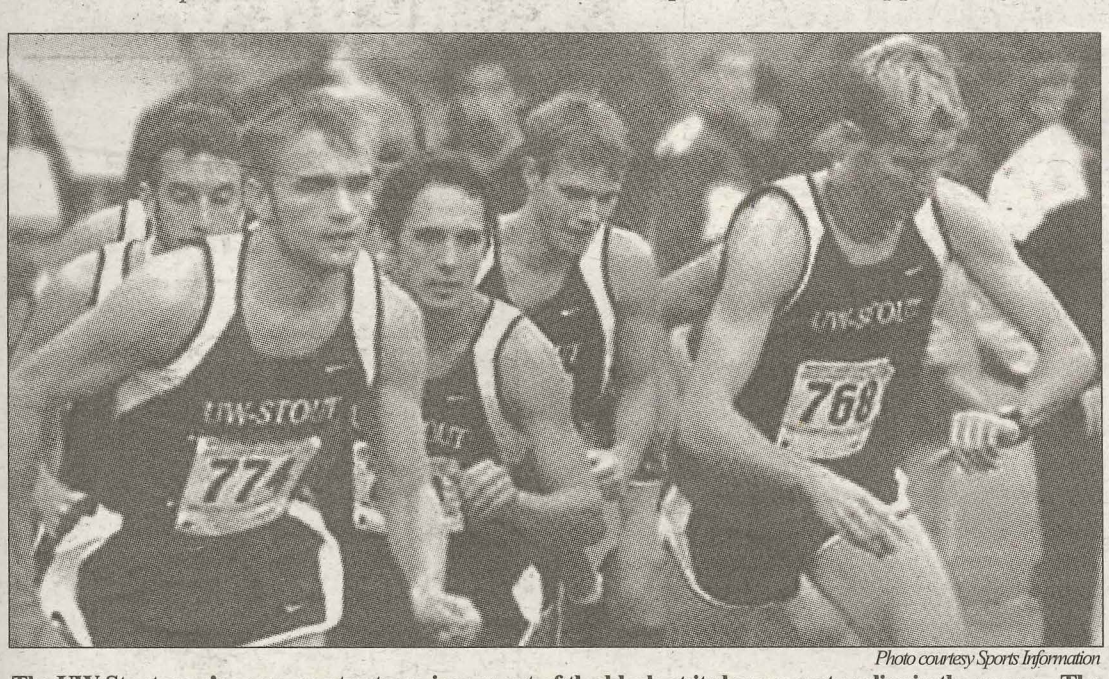
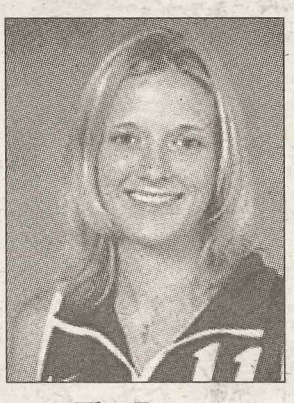


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The UW-Stout men's cross country team jumps out of the block at its home meet earlier in the season. The men look forward to the WIAC confrence championship on Nov. 1.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Tanille Zenner



The Facts:
Vollyball
sophmore
Athens, Wis.
graphic ommunications management

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *The Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

Tanille Zenner pounded out her second straight strong performance for the Blue Devils on Saturday Oct. 18 in a win against the University of Wisconisn-Platteville

Zenner produced a stunning match-high 20 kills which was her high of the year and also recorded one solo block and three assisted blocks.

Tanille came up with 14 kills on the previous night against the University of Wisconsin La-Crosse. She also had a solo block and three assisted blocks.

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Women's rugby tops off season

Rebecca Werner

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's rugby club won their first game this season at their last match.

"We had a lot of rookies on the team," said Jill Dummer, a senior captain and marketing and business education major. "I'm so glad we won for them; we wouldn't even have a team without them."

With only five returnees, the women's rugby team barely competed this year. The addition fifteen rookies made the team possible for the 2003 fall season.

The women's rugby club has been a relatively new development on campus and is still trying to stay on its feet.

"We graduated a bunch of girls last year," said senior manufacturing engineering major Kristi Ottum. "The people who graduated last year were some of the people who started women's rugby."

The women's rugby team will be graduating more of its players this year and is still looking for recruits for the spring. Practice starts in January and this fresh team is hoping to show improvement.

"I think the spring will be a lot better of a season," said Ottum. "Now that the rookies had a chance to get used to the game."

Despite many losses this season, the team overall did not find the season to be disappointing.

"The first couple of games the girls were just learning what rugby was," said Dummer. "We improved every game; we kept getting better and better and better."

The team's last home game was homecoming day against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. UW-Stout won 55-10.



Photo courtesy Womens Rugby Team

The women's rugby team gained its first win of the season on homecoming by beating UW-Milwaukee 55-10. The team recruited alot of rookies, which made this season possible.

The team welcomes newcomers no matter what skill level. Their main goal is to meet new people on campus and have fun while representing UW-Stout.

The men's rugby team, on the other hand, had a blowout win as well on October 18.

They defeated UW-Milwaukee 78-15.

"This was the biggest game ever," said Max Zukowski club president, sophomore packaging major. "It's been a three way tie for first place."

The men's rugby team won the Wisconsin state championship title for the fifth year in a row.

They are now ranked number six in the United States, and they play the number three ranked team in the nation on Nov. 1.

This week in Blue Devil athletics

Ryan Wessley

Football

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater came into Saturday's game with the University of Wisconsin-Stout leading the conference in turnover margin, and it showed.

The Warhawks took a 28-23 win over UW-Stout, Saturday, Oct. 18 in Menomonie, thanks to five Blue Devil turnovers.

Coming into the game, UW-Whitewater held a plus-nine turnover margin and built on that lead.

UW-Stout controlled the offensive stat sheet in the first half and ran off 47 plays in comparison to the Warhawk's 24 plays; UW-Stout gained 201 first half yards to Whitewater's 147.

UW-Stout came away with only a field goal as they trailed 14-3 at halftime after coughing the ball up twice.

UW-Stout mounted a late comeback with an onside kick recovery, but Quarterback Nick Ohman was picked off on the first play of the drive.

The game was played on the artificial surface of Don & Nona Williams Stadium, but home field advantage did not seem to make a difference.

The Blue Devils are now 3-3, 1-2 WIAC and will host the University of Wisconsin River-Falls, Saturday, Oct. 25.

Soccer

UW-Stout allowed only one shot for the entire evening as the Blue Devils recorded a 5-0 homecoming win against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Friday, Oct. 17 at Nelson Field.

As the Pioneers (2-14, 1-6) bunkered down into a defensive stance, it took a while for the Blue Devils (10-5, 4-3 WIAC) to pierce the net, but once they did, they remained consistent.

The Blue Devils dominated the field, out shooting the Pioneers 30-1 and put 23 shots on goal.

The 10 wins ties the team record for most wins in a season. UW-Stout will be at UW-River Falls on Wednesday, Oct. 22 to wrap up the conference season.

Volleyball

Lindsay Mensink and Tanielle Zenner played their second straight strong performance to snap UW-Stout out of a haze. They downed UW-Platteville, 25-30, 30-25, 30-26, 30-22, Saturday, Oct. 18 in Platteville.

Zenner pounded out a match high of 20 kills to add to her total and recorded a solo block and three assisted blocks.

Mensink and Zenner both had 14 kills the previous night in a 3-0 loss against the University of Wisconsin La-Crosse. Mensink recorded 10 kills, a solo block and four assisted blocks. UW-Stout's Gretchen Schroer finished with 12 kills.

Neither UW team hit particularly well, and Stout (14-11, 2-5 WIAC) had 28 hitting errors, with a hitting percentage of .152.

UW-Platteville (15-10, 2-5) had 26 errors and hit at a .134 clip. Stout will be at UW-River Falls, Wednesday, Oct. 22; Oct. 24-25 they will host their own tournament.

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UW-Stout vs. UW-Whitewater	UW-Stout vs. UW-Platteville	UW-Stout vs. UW-Platteville
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Reality-based haunted house in Marshfield, Wis. is open Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

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Students have begun the search for housing for the next year.

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by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Applied Arts 210, the largest lecture hall on campus, is currently being remodeled. The new room will include more comfortable seating, newer technologies and better acoustics.

Applied Arts 210 gets needed makeover

Diana Minea

Technology is the University of Wisconsin-Stout's claim to fame. This semester, the construction of one room is helping to support this notion.

At a cost of $260,000, the largest lecture hall on campus, Applied Arts (APPA) room 210, is currently being remodeled. The purpose of the project is to modernize the technology and make the room's atmosphere more comfortable and visually appealing.

"The whole room hasn't changed in about 20 years," said James Guenther, technology support coordinator. "The object is to update a dreadfully outdated room."

For years, the idea of renovating the room had been up in the air, but the project proposal sent to the Department of State Facilities last spring finally succeeded. The project was approved this past August.

Construction began the week of October 14 and is scheduled to run until mid-January, just in time for second semester classes. For now, however, classes normally held in APPA 210 are being conducted in the Harvey Hall Theater.

"Some instructors are bummed about moving," said Guenther. "But they are pleased at how quickly we got everything together."

Being the largest assembly space on UW-Stout's campus, APPA 210 requires a large sum of money to remodel. The money is being provided by the state of Wisconsin. It is being used towards new technology, seating and surface finishes. A ramp will replace one of the stairwells.

"They are treating it like it is the premier room on campus," said Steven Blanas, senior electronics technician. "They want it to represent the university's image."

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Professor gave all to university until the end

Amanda Herr

A makeshift memorial arose this week for professor Shirley Stewart on the second floor entrance to the Vocational Rehabilitation building.

Shirley, the chair of the rehabilitation and counseling department, died Saturday, Oct. 25 after a four-year battle with cancer. She was 55 years old and had dedicated almost half her life to the university.

Anonymous mourners posted their personal thoughts on the display case that holds pictures and short biographies of faculty and staff in the rehabilitation and counseling department.

"I will think of you when I see the purple haze in the twilight."

"Peace be with you, beautiful entity. May your struggles in life be an inspiration to us all and your love of life carry us through he hard times."

Shirley received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1970 and earned two master's degrees from UW-Stout shortly thereafter. In 1998 she earned her Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Minnesota.

More important was her commitment to the university through the number of federal and state grants she wrote. These grants brought new programs and services that served people with disabilities and the students and staff at UW-Stout.

In the Rev. Ron Burke's memory, only one grant Shirley wrote was rejected by the federal government; she went to Washington, D.C. and within 48 hours, the grant committee changed their minds.

"Shirley was a prolific grant writer," said John Wesolek, dean of the College of Human Development (CHD), in an e-mail to all CHD staff.

According to Wesolek, Shirley wrote over 50 grants and contracts to

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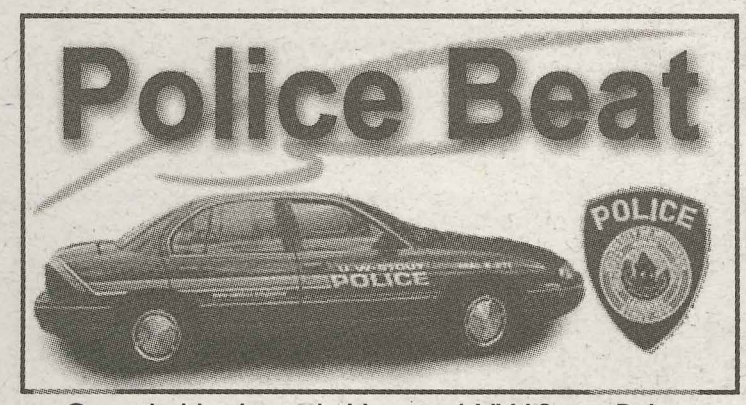
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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 48° Low 35° Mostly Cloudy	High 42° Low 35° Rain and Snow	High 48° Low 36° Showers

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Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Vandalized Camero
On Oct. 21, a student reported that her 1997 Chevrolet Camero had been vandalized while parked in lot 4 sometime between Oct. 19 and Oct. 21. The driver's side glass roof panel was smashed, but it did not appear that the vehicle was entered. The student did not know of anyone with motive to vandalize her car.

Stolen laptop
On Oct. 21, a student reported his university-issued laptop stolen from his dorm room. The student had left the laptop in his room and thought he had locked the door. He didn't give anyone permission to enter his room or take the laptop.

Indoor bicycle races
On Oct. 23, a custodian in the vocational rehabilitation building reported that someone had ridden a bicycle through the east hallway and left skid marks on the floor. Skid marks were also left on the carpet in the tunnel that crosses 10th Avenue and in the hallway of the Jarvis Hall Technology Wing. The custodian estimated the damage to be under $200.

Stop kicking my door
On Oct. 23, a resident in McCalmont Hall reported that his neighbor was kicking his door and swearing at him. The resident locked himself in his room and called University Police. The neighbor was warned about his conduct and then apologized to his neighbor.

Damaged vehicle
On Oct. 24, a student reported damage to the right rear quarter of her vehicle while it was parked in lot 4. The damage would have occurred between Oct. 18 and Oct. 24. The student noticed a puncture below the tail light and scratches on the fender and bumper.

Stolen moped
On Oct. 25, a student reported his moped stolen from the bike rack near JTC residence hall. The moped was red and had a sticker below the seat that read "Tantara." The student gave no one permission to steal the moped.

New model for courses

Hybrid course model provides for flexibility and self-paced learning

Tim Solfest

Before this semester, the University of Wisconsin-Stout used two types of course delivery systems: traditional classrooms (which includes laptop courses) and online courses. A pilot study is now being conducted to assess the possibility of adding a third delivery system: hybrid courses.

"We are always looking at ways to deliver our courses to meet the needs of students; that's why we have traditional and online classes," said John Murphy, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Hybrid courses are a combination of the best aspects of traditional and online courses.

Hybrid courses are those in which significant portions of the learning activities have been moved online. The purpose of hybrid courses is to promote active, independent learning and reduce class seat time.

In a hybrid course, the professor assumes the role of facilitator rather than that of a traditional lecturer.

"I do a better job educating if I act more like a facilitator," said English professor Clark Leeson.

Leeson teaches one section of Business Writing as a hybrid course.

"I can't think for you; I can only ask you to ask an expert in my field," said Leeson.

In order to accomplish this task, he provides assignments that can only accurately be described as mini-projects.

A few weeks ago, he assigned the class the task of developing a cover letter and resume.

On Monday of that week, he explained three different theories of writing resumes and provided examples from the course textbook and recruiters in major corporations.

From that point, he divided the students into groups and told them to find an article pertaining to cover letters and come up with a summary of the article by that Friday.

Students e-mailed their summaries to Leeson and posted them on the course's e-Scholar Web page to be used as an additional resource for students in completing their individual resumes.

Instead of holding a regular class session on Wednesday, he told the students that it would be a "hybrid day," meaning that they could use the time to meet with their groups or however they chose.

"I don't see the need to meet three times a week for 55 minutes," Leeson said. "If I do that I am only getting in the way [of the learning that occurs]."

Leeson made it clear to the class that he would be available in the classroom for students who had questions regarding the assignment.

"I was totally amazed at the number of groups that met during that time [Wednesday morning]. Twenty out of 24 students met on hybrid day," Leeson said. "I suspect that the other four people met elsewhere."

Although students completed the work in this case, there is some concern about the potential for abuse of not holding class. This abuse can occur by either the student who simply sees the situation as "no class" and fails to adequately complete the coursework.

The professor also has the capability of abusing the situation by viewing hybrid courses as opportunities to not hold class and not adequately preparing for them.

"I liked the idea right away," said Stephanie Borst, a senior in psychology. "It means I'm not just sitting in class; I'm actually doing work. I find myself putting more time towards class."

Hybrid classes are similar to online classes in that ultimately students are responsible for their own success.

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federal, state and local agencies with high success rates.

"Even in her last week she was able to offer some final advice for a federal proposal now in the final approval stages on campus," Wesolek said.

Burke, senior pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Menomonie, said, "She was just a very strong individual."

Shirley's personal interests included escaping to northern Wisconsin, "shopping 'til she dropped" and quilting.

According to Burke, Shirley even brought her sewing machine with her to Rochester, Minn. when receiving treatments. Many of her vividly colored quilts were on display at the funeral service held Wednesday afternoon.

She had strong ties to the church and was a member of the bell choir at Our Savior's. The bell choir played her favorite song at the service and left her seat in the choir empty.

"Perhaps the most lasting impressions she left for us were her eternal optimism, her attitude of courage and demonstrated hope even when her diagnosis appeared terminal," Wesolek said.

Burke said the other pastor at Our Savior's, the Rev. Bob Friese, had been visiting Shirley in the hospital during her final days. She had heard of someone in the congregation that was ill and told Friese to go visit that person instead.

"She was always looking out for someone else," Burke said.

The rehabilitation and counseling office closed Wednesday afternoon for funeral attendance.

Applied Arts / Ready by 2004

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The technology of the room is going to change drastically.

A screen measuring 11 feet by 27 feet will hang in the front of the room, new lighting will be installed including lighting on the stairs themselves and new projectors (two slide projectors and three data projectors) with the ability to project images from the back of the room.

This will eliminate the middle unit that was used to hold the projectors. Walls in the room will also receive an acoustical treatment to help better sound quality and reduce echoing.

"Even the wall treatment is technology," said Guenther.

One of the biggest complaints from students about the room was the seating.

The old plastic chairs have already been removed and will be replaced by cushioned, fold-up chairs, much like those found in movie theatres. The desks will also fold down.

"Students will now be able to tolerate a 55 minute class in there," Guenther said.

> "The whole room [has not] changed in about 20 years. The object is to update a dreadfully outdated room."
>
> **James Guenther**
> *Technology support coordinator*

Another major change in the room will be its appearance. The once gray and white room will now feature shades of blue and maroon.

Leah Klingbeil, a senior majoring in interior design, was responsible for choosing the material finishes such as carpet, seat covers and wall colors.

Her job was to create a balance between practical and visual strengths as well as between teacher and student tastes.

"It was interesting working with the [people on] campus," Klingbeil said. "Of course, I always think the most important person is the student."

Although it is hard to tell for sure what a room will look like until it is done, those involved in the project are optimistic.

"[The room] will certainly be better than what was there," Klingbeil said. "It will be a fun space."

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United Way campaign underway

Chelsea Rickert

The United Way of Dunn County's yearly campaign is underway, and fundraising efforts are in full swing on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

The United Way is looking to raise $45,000 throughout the county. Volunteers are hoping that $25,000 of that goal will come from donors at the UW-Stout campus, including $2,000 from students.

"We have achieved 35 percent of our goal, which is about $8,725," said Pinckney Hall, the dean of students and co-chair for UW-Stout's United Way committee. "There has been a lot of supportive spirit among the students."

This year's contributions have increased over 390 percent from last year.

"The campaign last year wasn't very good and the student contribution was only $200," Hall said. "It was hard to get the campaign off the ground."

This year's success is due to the United Way's efforts to involve the campus in donating more. The United Way learned from last year's mistakes and focused more on the students and their activities.

"We had a donation through the halls, it was a competition and every person in each hall could donate," said Julie Derks, a student volunteer for the United Way.

"I think [the increase in student support] is attributable to the leadership of students and participation of all students from Homecoming and penny wars and other activities," Hall said.

The Inter-Residence Hall Association is also coming forward with another competition to involve more students and get them to donate.

"A residence hall is coming up with $500 right off the top," said Hall. Last year, such an act was unheard of.

There was a penny war at the home football game on Saturday, Oct. 25 where students were pitted against faculty and staff.

Students and faculty placed pennies in their respective jars and placed larger sums of money, such as nickels, quarters and dollars, into their opponent's jar to counteract their opponents' penny amount. Pennies counted towards a team's total revenue and all other coins counted against them.

Donations from the penny war totaled $71 and students placed enough large-summed coins and bills in the faculty's jar to come out ahead.

"The United Way does what no other organization in our area does—it brings us together as one community to have an impact on the issues we care about legally," Chancellor Charles Sorensen said in an all-faculty e-mail.

The United Way of Dunn County supports 28 local organizations including the local food pantry that is aimed at people with low income. The food pantry remains an active organization partly because of the support from the donations that United Way gives.

"The United Way gives an opportunity for students to serve and an opportunity for students to be served," Hall said. "It's a good place for students to gain practicum in volunteering."

Arbor Place, an alcohol treatment center in Menomonie, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters are other area organizations supported by the United Way.

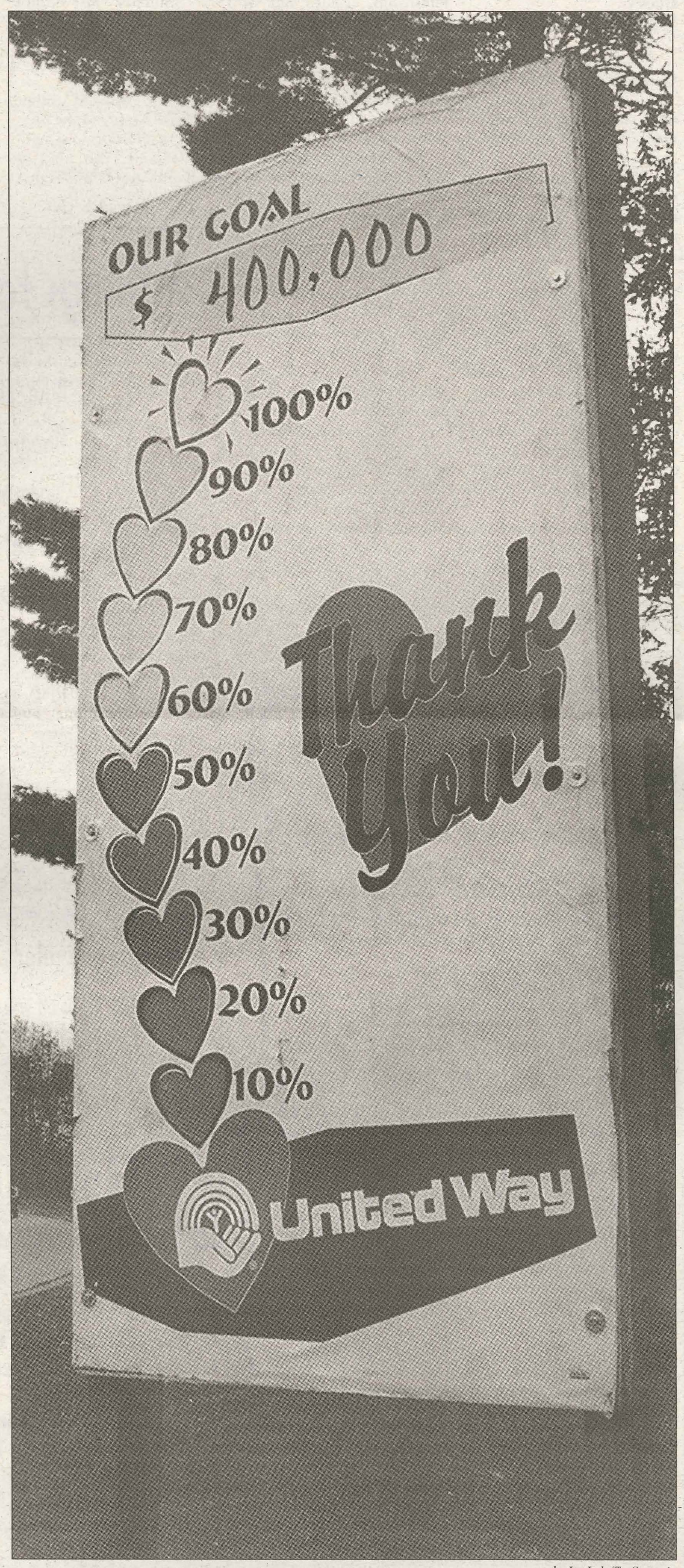
"The main incentive [to donate] is the fact that you know you're doing good for so many different causes," Derks said. "United Way helps a million different things, and you can help all of those by giving money."

There are a few ways to support your favorite organization through the United Way.

"You can bring money in to any person who works in the United Way and the money will be given to the organization of your choice," Derks said.

There is also a link through e-Scholar to UW-Stout's United Way Web site.

"[Students should donate because] it helps to raise the quality of life for many people in Dunn County," Hall said. "Students should understand that the quality of life in Dunn County is higher than it would be without these agencies."



by Jen Jech, The Stoutonia

The United Way of Dunn County is seeking $400,000 in donations this year. The University of Wisconsin-Stout hopes to raise $25,000 for United Way. Donate online at http://unitedway.uwstout.edu.

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Paperwork prevents registration for many

Becky Hartung

Last week, over 4,000 University of Wisconsin-Stout students received e-mails stating that they would not be able to register for spring classes.

The Wisconsin Legal Council raised the interest rate placed on tuition placement programs by one half of a percent.

To remain in accordance with the law, administration needed student acknowledgement of the percentage increase.

Student Business Services (SBS) sent out multiple notices to each student, however the students did not pay heed to the instructions. Many feel that this is was due to the document's design.

"[The design] made it difficult for students to understand what was going on," said Greta Hittner, a senior majoring in graphic communications management.

Hittner, currently on internship, resides out of state. She did not have the option of stopping by the Administration Building to drop off the form. Instructions on the form stated that faxed copies would not be accepted.

"It seemed weird that they wouldn't accept a faxed copy because a faxed copy holds up in a court of law," said Hittner.

Co-op and Placement Services was later able to work out a compromise with Business Services to accommodate the needs of students away on internship.

However, not all students scrambled to turn their paperwork in.

"When I was a freshman, I had to fill it out, so I knew it was something important," said Carrie Schneider, a junior majoring in human development and family studies.

According to Rick Olson of SBS, the form is something that all freshmen sign. For upper classmen, the memory of this form may be far removed.

"Students just don't read," said Hittner. "[SBS] should have done a better job communicating why it was needed."

Olson utilized other mediums to spread the message. In addition to e-mailing students, he also e-mailed faculty in hopes that they would spread the news to their classes.

"Please inform students in your classes (and advisees) of this requirement, and perhaps even take a few copies of the form to class or make them available in prominent places so that they are easily accessible to students," said Provost Robert Sedlak in an e-mail sent to all faculty and staff.

As of Oct. 28, approximately 500 additional forms had been submitted. Students are encouraged to return the forms as soon as possible or else they should anticipate registration woes.

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E-mail says... no registration for you!

During the past week, over half the student body was shocked to receive an e-mail explaining that we had not completed the proper paperwork for registration. This became a thorn in our sides, especially since the notice arrived when we were scheduled to register.

First things first.

If you have not already done so, please go to the Administration building and place your John Hancock on this form. Failure to do so will prohibit you from signing up for classes next semester.

With that in mind, it's time to dig into the heart of the matter.

The notice was sent out because this July, the legislature decided to raise interest rates a half of a percent. Since this changed the payment plan we signed when we were freshmen, the university again needed our written consent.

Unfortunately, Business Services is comprised of financial gurus, not technical communicators.

Yes, their staff spent hours stuffing envelopes this summer to give us this form months in advance. But did we read it?

No!

Here's why.

Communication will only be effective if it focuses on the needs of the reader.

A teacher would use completely different approaches when teaching first grade versus teaching college. Various audiences have a multitude of needs.

We are students.

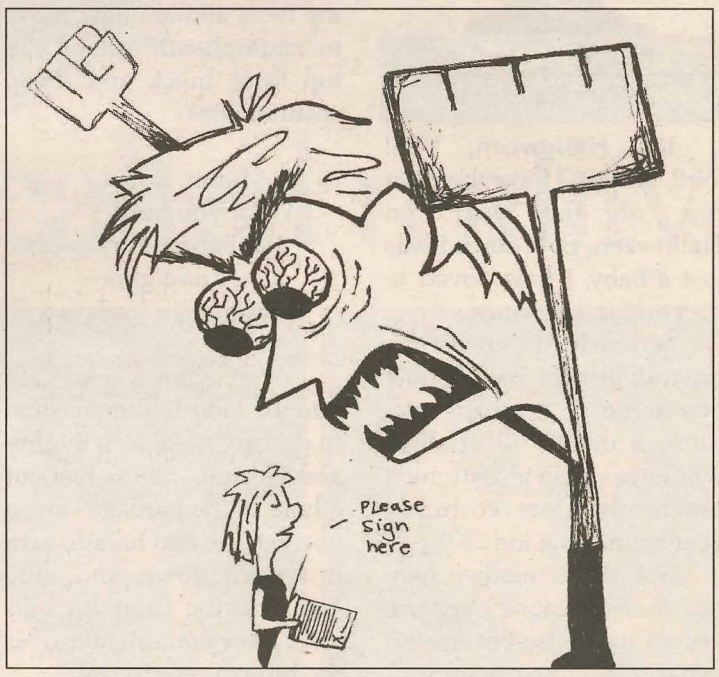
You need to give us a real reason to read a document filled with a lot of tiny type. In our minds, a lot of tiny type equates to eternal boredom.

The headline on the page needed to hit home.

"You Must Return This To Register" would have been much more effective than a statement about interest rates and payment plans.

While a select few might actually take the time to read the fine print in contracts, most will not.

Furthermore, other venues of communication were not explored. This would have been an excellent story for *The Stoutonia*. We do our best to keep the students informed with what's happening on campus.



The infamous e-mail could have gone out a long time ago. The main reason why students are so frustrated is because of the timing.

Don't forget about those students out of state on internship, co-op or taking internet classes over long distances.

Yup, it's time to register, but since you're not here to turn in this form it sucks to be you.

The important question at hand is what have we all learned from this?

As students, it is our responsibility to read the documents sent to us by the school. We need to do everything we can to stay informed of what's going on. If we do not understand why something is happening, .we need to open our mouth and ask why.

There is a difference between asking why and just bitching.

The people standing behind the Business Services counter did not do this. They're just trying to do their daily job. Imagine how much fun they're having, dealing with thousands of complaining students.

The Stoutonia often comments on appathy on campus. Many parties are at fault for this, including the students.

Ghosts of Halloween past haunt me



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Thinking back to the time I went Trick-or-Treating as Superman brings up great memories. Wearing the tight pants and the big old "S" on my chest was great. But enough about last year.

Some memories should be left in the past, but each year when the ghosts of Halloweens past come a-calling, I gladly take a walk down memory lane.

For Halloweens past I dressed up as pretty much nothing but superheroes like: a stealthy ninja, an army soldier, Superman, Batman and a super cool Star Trek captain.

In case you didn't already know, I'm a dork. I like Star Trek.

As a middle schooler, I realized my years of Trick-or-Treating were nearing an end. But I didn't want to give up dressing crazily, knocking on strangers doors and asking for candy. So I presented an idea to the youth group I was a part of.

Why not Trick or Treat for a cause? We could help the homeless by asking for food instead of candy. Keeping whatever candy they gave us would be just an added bonus.

The event went over wonderfully, and our youth group collected over 2,000 items of food for our local food pantry. It was a great experience for the kids who got to keep on Trick-or-Treating, and the homeless people probably liked it for the free food.



Oddly enough, the girl dressed as a scarecrow collected more food for the homeless than the boy dressed as a Star Trek geek.

Once again, I find myself fighting the urge to put on a pair of Spock ears and go door-to-door looking for food donations of canned food and Easy Mac. Does Menomonie have a group doing a similar project every year?

If you know of one, please write in and let those of us here at *The Stoutonia* do what we can to promote what would be a wonderful cause here in Menomonie.

Worth Hearing Once

Human-Rhinos

If you live in a two-story apartment building, it never fails that they live above you.

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All the costumes, without cost



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

It's Halloween. YES! Well, almost. I have the most fun of the year on Halloween. Ever since I was just a baby, I have loved to dress up in costumes.

Seriously, if you see me around, just ask me to show you some of my baby pictures; 9 out of 10 of them will have me in a costume. I practically wore costumes year round as a kid.

But that's neither here nor there because over the years I have also become an expert in costumology. I pride myself on being able to invent my own costumes each year with stuff I have lying around.

This brings me to the point of this article: Some of you out there may still be stuck for costume ideas. But don't you worry, your old buddy Tom Green, I mean Matt, can help you out.

I've been turning costume ideas over and over in my head and am now ready to triumphantly unveil my top three quick and cheap costume ideas.

1. Mighty Robot
What you need:
-Rubbermaid trash can
-Legos and glue
-Air hole in trash can

What better way to stick it to the foolish humans than to destroy them as a mighty and glorious robot? Just cut a hole in the garbage can so you can see and breath, turn it upside down and glue Legos to the front for buttons. Now you can take over the human race in style!

2. Awesome Ninja
What you need:
-Bathrobe
-Something to tie around your head such as
Crepe paper, panty hose

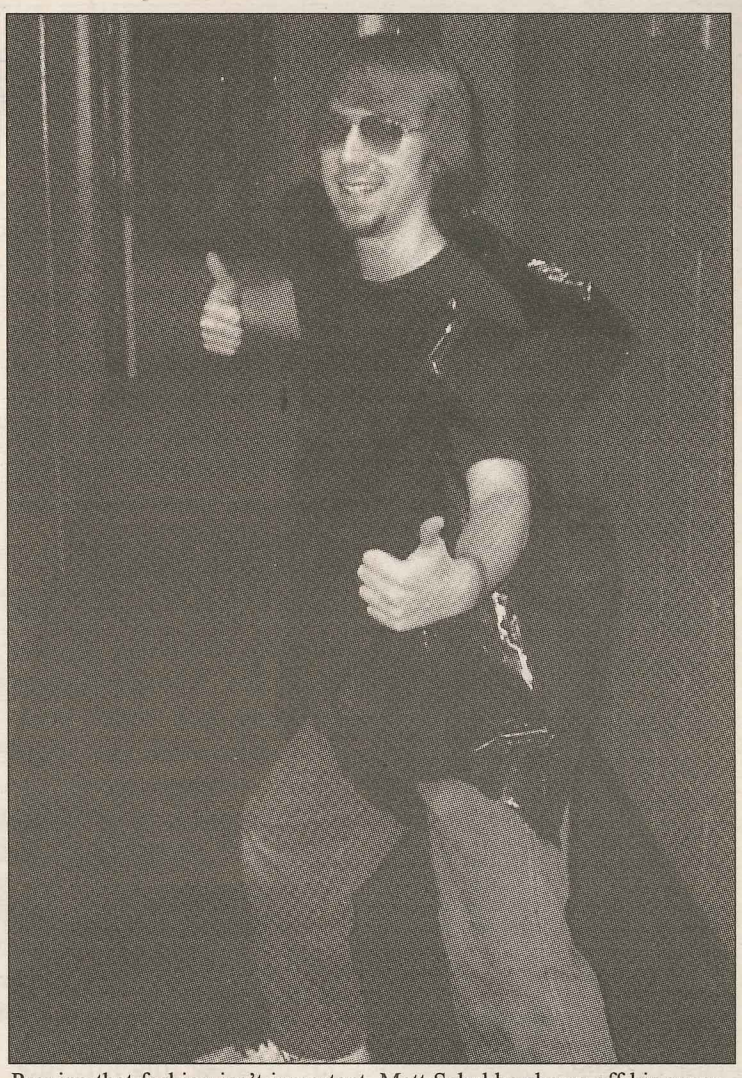
Ninjas are arguably some of the coolest people in the world, so why not pretend to be one for a few hours? If you can't figure out how to assemble the costume from here, don't bother reading the rest of this column.

3. California Raisin
What you need:
-Garbage bag
-Sunglasses

The California Raisins are the freshest dried-fruit-related music group of this century or any other, so this has to be a great idea.

Just cut arm and leg holes in the garbage bag, synch the tie around your neck (carefully!), put on the sunglasses and get ready to hear through the grape vine that you're awesome.

Well, that's it. I hope that this helps people who need last minute costumes. To prove that I take my own advice, I've included a picture of myself in one of my quick, cheap costume ideas. Happy Halloween!



Proving that fashion isn't important, Matt Schubbe shows off his super quick, dirt cheap California Rasins Halloween costume.

It's beginning to look a lot like... Autumn



FRESHTHOUGHT
Crystal Miller

Have you stopped to appreciate nature lately? Have you noticed the beautiful colors of fall, the crimson reds, the vivid oranges and the brilliant yellows? If you haven't, there is not much time left.

This past Sunday, my friends and I decided we wanted to do something we do not normally do. A friend had told us of this beautiful trail a few miles out of town; she said when you get to the end of the trail you climb a tower which overlooks miles and miles of beautiful land. We decided to go to a place some of you might know, Hoffman Hills.

Hoffman Hills State Recreational Area has nine miles of trails, a 15-acre prairie restoration and a one-mile wetland trail; altogether it contains 705 acres of land. We had never been anywhere like that around here before, so this was a small adventure for us.

As we started the trail, we had no idea how long it would take us; there were no markings as to how many miles it was to the end, but we wanted to experience something unfamiliar.

After about an hour, we could see the tower, which appeared to be miles away, but we kept going. About a half an hour later, we finally reached the tower.

The only negative was that while approaching the tower, we saw thousands of Asian Lady Beetles. We covered our mouths, noses and as much of us as we could and ran to the top of the 60 foot tower.

Once at the top, all we could do was stand in awe, appreciating the strenuous trip. Also the beauty made us all forget how long we had traveled.

Along with Hoffman Hills, there are many other trails to be admired such as: The Lion's Club Game Park and Nature Trail, which is about a 20–30 minute walk with plenty of wildlife and plant life.

The Red Cedar State Trail follows the Red Cedar River for about 14 miles . It has wildlife, bluffs, prairies and woods.

The Stokke Trail is a paved trail. runs along 8 to 10 miles of the Red Cedar River, also giving a view of the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

In addition to hiking and biking in the summer, spring and fall, these parks may be used in the winter season as well for activities such as snowmobiling and snowshoeing.

Do not miss out on this beautiful fall season. Make your own adventure, a picnic with friends or even a romantic date.

Even if you are not the athletic type, there are many simple and beautiful trails to walk along. This kind of trek is well worth your time.

Where did all those super cheap meals go?



ENDGAME
Ann Syrstad

All the food you can eat for $2.15. Where else can you find that other than at the University Dining Service? I would have to say that the one thing I miss most from freshman and sophomore years is the great deal on meal plans that we received.

Not only did we get an over abundance of super tasty food, but we could also utilize breakfasts, lunches and dinners as a great way to socialize with friends.

I think back to how many people I would see in the cafeteria in a typical day, and it blows my mind. It seems like the only way I can see people now is in the Library, Micheels Hall or sometimes at the bars. That's quite a difference.

Now that I am a senior, I miss going to the Commons and Tainter. The only reason that I no longer go there is because I get charged two times the price for the exact same meal because I live off-campus. This is a major bummer and it is somewhat unfair.

Now I can no longer take advantage of the on-campus dining prices. I can no longer meet mass amounts of people for dinner to catch up on one another's busy lives. Also, I can no longer leave my dishes for someone else to do.

Yeah, I probably ate too much when I went to the Commons, but at least I never had to worry about cooking. I also got spoiled with the salad bar, cereal selection, ice cream and friendly staff.

Hey, it's not everyday that you can go for breakfast and choose from ten or more different kinds of cereal and then get your dishes done for you.

All I am saying is, if you're on-campus, please enjoy the rest of your University Dining Service days. They're almost over and although you will probably get bored with it, you will someday miss it.

If you're off-campus like me, don't take the dining experience that we had too lightly. Look back, reflect and give thanks for the awesome deal that we once received. Until prices go down for those of us who are off-campus, I'll see you at the China Buffet.

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The 411

Oct. 30 to Nov. 6

Thursday, Oct.30
>American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. MSC Great Hall
>Open Mic Spoken Word, 8 p.m., Huff's, free
>SAS Halloween Bowling and Costume Pageant, 10 p.m.-12 p.m., Menomin Lanes, $1 with costume, $2 without costume, prizes given

Friday, Oct. 31
HAPPY HALLOWEEN
>Soccer Wisconsin Lutheran v.s. UW-Stout, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1
>Men's Cross Country host WIAC Championship, 11 a.m., Colfax, WI
>Women's Cross Country host WIAC Championship, 12 p.m., Colfax, WI
>Road Rally sponsored by Stout Auto Club, 12 p.m., $5 entry, $3 with non-perishable food item
>Soccer Nebraska Wesleyan v.s. UW-Stout, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2
>Todd Mischler, author of Cold Wars: 40 Years of Packer-Viking Rivalry book signing, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Waldenbooks in Oakwood Mall, Eau Claire

Monday, Nov. 3
no events scheduled

Tuesday, Nov. 4
>Stout in 2010 Open Forum, 7 p.m., MSC Ballroom C
>Thesis Writing Survival Skills, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Library Learning Center rm. 111
>Flu Shot Clinic, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. $10

Wednesday, Nov. 5
no events scheduled

Thursday, Nov. 6
>Off Campus Housing Fair, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., MSC Ballroom A-C
>The Laramie Project play about assault on Matthew Shepard, 7:30 p.m. $10
>Annika Bentley Concert, indie-rock musician, 8 p.m., MSC Huff's

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Tim @ Stoutonia or solfestt@uwstout.edu

The NIGHTMARE called reality



Courtesy of The official Nightmare Web site

A unique haunted house in Marshfield, Wis. depicts gory scenes from real life situations many youth are faced with such as drug overdoses, drunken driving accidents, suicide and gang violence. The Nightmare has been running for six years and the number of attendees rises every year.



EVENT REVIEW
Lara Monk

Need plans for the Halloween weekend or just want to get off campus? Take a drive to the Orbital at Believers Church in Marshfield, Wis. for a thrilling, life altering, unforgettable performance.

In its sixth year, the haunted house-style maze called Nightmare can be found in a 21,000-square foot warehouse next to Believer's Church in Marshfield, Wis.

"The Nightmare is an interactive drama," said Josh Reed, a senior in technology education. "It is a kind of play that takes you into it and lets you experience the pain and hurt that is caused by making bad choices. The Nightmare shows very clearly, the four different leading causes of death that face today's teenagers."

The top four causes of death among today's teenagers are drunken driving, drugs, gangs and suicide.

In 1998, Nightmare opened its doors to show young people what poor decisions can lead to. At the cost of more than $100,000, the intricate stage in which Nightmare is performed is designed to show today's youth the consequences of regrettable decisions.

"The Nightmare offers a glimpse into the possible future with the hope to spare its viewers from the pain that is shown in the drama," said Reed.

Through the vivid smells, the fear-provoking sights and scorching sounds, everything is intended to add to the overall effect. With this horrifying impact, no one under 13 is admitted into the 15-minute event.

"One thing I would suggest if you go to the Nightmare is to wear old clothes because you come out smelling like house party, but most of us have smelled like that and called it fun the next day," said Reed.

The Nightmare is also compared to what some may think hell is like.

"You go through a place that is supposed to represent hell, where people are trapped in cages crying, suffering and being beaten," said Kelli Mattson, a freshman in human development and family studies.

Reed explained that his friends were able to think about the consequences of their actions after experiencing Nightmare.

"No one starts drinking wanting to be the town drunk," said Reed. "No one starts doing drugs wanting to be the drugged out homeless guy living in a van down by the river, but that is what can happen and we need to be aware of the consequences of the choices we make."

The great impact of Nightmare is evident in the growing numbers of people affected by the performance.

"Nightmare benefited me by allowing me to experience many real life situations that I've never been through, and that gave me a sense of how people live," said Britta Anderson, a senior in interior design. "I felt their pain, misery and loneliness, which I have never been able to relate to before."

Nightmare doesn't only scare its audiences, but teaches each individual a strong lesson.

"I learned that I don't have to experience the harsh reality of life alone," said Anderson. "I also got to experience what it might be like to live in hell for an eternity and saw just how real hell is and that it really exists, but Jesus Christ wants to take away my hurt and pain and give me everlasting life in Heaven."

Although Nightmare may not depict a normal haunted house, some say it's more memorable and even scarier than the norm.

"These real life scenarios are scarier than ghosts and goblins because it hits the heart," said Anderson.

What makes Nightmare different from other haunted houses is that it doesn't have fictional substitutes like vampires and monsters frightening the audience, it uses reality.

"At Nightmare, the scary realities of life are staring you in the face, which makes it much scarier and intriguing," said Mattson.

Nightmare, unique and powerful, has many new visitors each year, as well as returnees. Nightmare is expected to draw about 13,000 people a year. What makes so many visitors return year after year?

"I think people come back time and time again because it is an incredible production, but also because it is a real reminder of the truths about life," said Mattson.

The experience can also prove to be life altering and highly motivating.

"[It's] completely eye opening to the world we live in, but with an end that gives me reason and excitement to live for," said Anderson.

For those who want to get a jump on the crowds, many recommend arriving early. Nightmare opens at 7 p.m. on Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1.

"When you leave a haunted house you have an adrenalin rush that soon wears off, but when you leave the Nightmare, you have an experience that will make you think for years to come," said Reed.

For more information about Nightmare, directions to the Orbital in Marshfield, Wis. or to preview a movie made from past Nightmare performances log onto http://www.thenightmare.net/ and enjoy the show.

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Less than frightening flicks



MOVIE REVIEW
Glenn Hintze

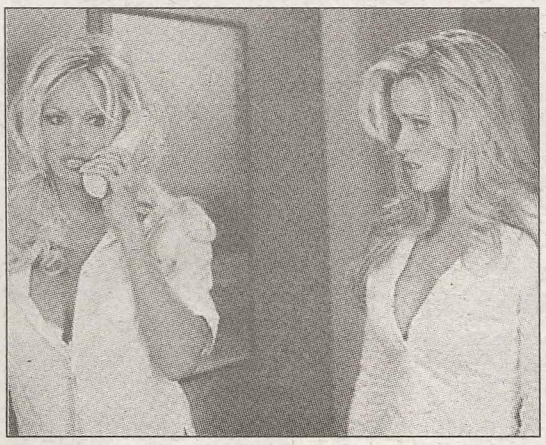
If you're looking for a scare this Halloween, don't search the movie theaters. A less than stellar collection of scary movies hit the theaters in time for the holiday, led not by a horror film, but by a "Scary Movie."

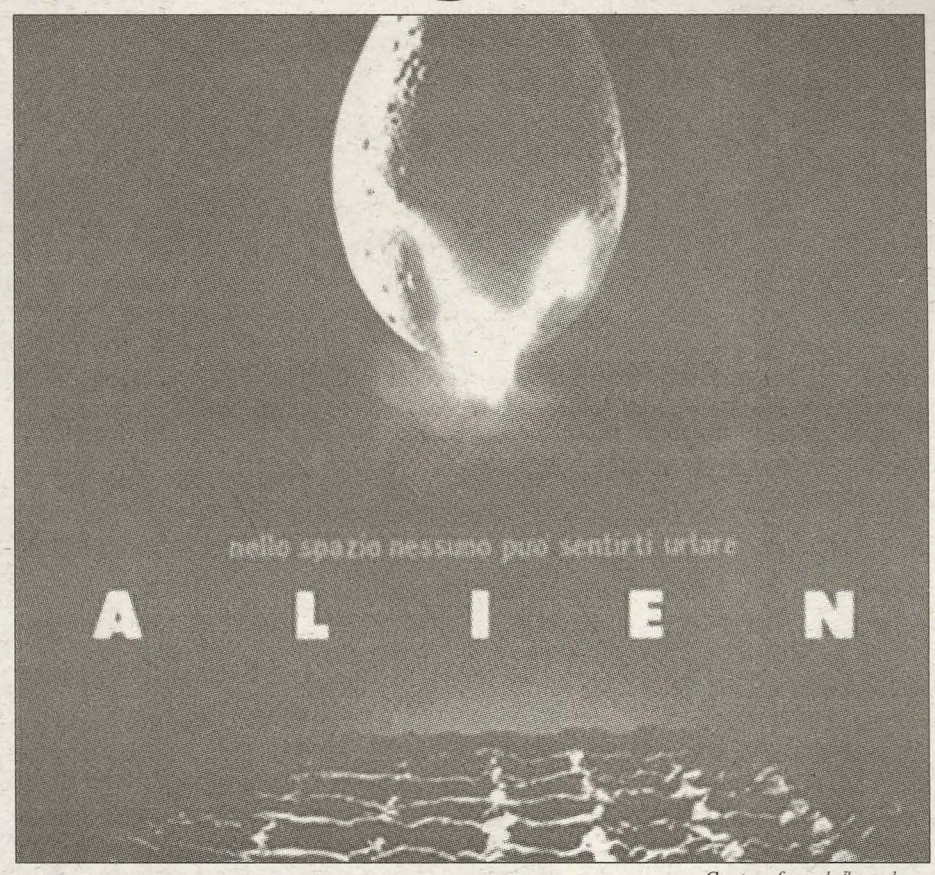
The third installment of the spoof franchise hit theaters with an impressive $49.7 million opening weekend. This time, they turned their sites to a new list of fan-favorites including "8 Mile," "Signs," "The Sixth Sense" and "The Ring."

The material may be new, but the style remains the same, sticking to one-note jokes and painfully forced comedic recreations of scenes from the originals. Kevin Smith, writer/director of the "Jay & Silent Bob" series, joined the team of writers this year, which gave hope for a more truly satirical script. In the end, the formula remained the same. If you were a fan of the first two, you'll be a fan of the third.

Though you may want to see "Scary Movie 3," there's no excuse to be caught watching "The House of the Dead." This movie is so bad that after its second week of release, almost half the theaters showing it got rid of it.







Courtesy of www.hollywood.com

Theaters lack in selection of scary movies this season. "Alien: The Director's Cut" (far right) is a revamped version of the 1979 science fiction horror release. It contains new scenes and is digitally remastered. The re-release hits theaters Halloween weekend. Pamela Anderson and Jenny McCarthy appear in "Scary Movie 3" (bottom left) that incoporates parodies of other popular films like "8 Mile," "The Ring," "Signs" and "The Sixth Sense." "28 Days Later" (upper left) may be the scariest flick of the year and is now available on DVD.

Cashing in on a current trend, this is a big screen adaptation of a horror genre video game. It may, however, permanently kill that trend. If you thought "Resident Evil" or "Mortal Kombat" were bad, you've yet to see anything. Everyone involved with this movie should be banned from Hollywood forever. Even the film's distribution company, Artisan, pulled its name from the credits.

The best horror movie being released this weekend is nothing new. Director Ridley Scott's 1979 science fiction horror classic "Alien" is being re-released as a new director's cut. Though most fans already own the film, it's a must see on the big screen. Digitally restored with additional footage, this may be the last time this classic film is in theatres. Do you want to be scared? This is your chance.

It already had its stint on the big screen and came to DVD on Oct. 21. "28 Days Later" may very well be the scariest movie you'll ever see. An activist group frees a monkey from a research lab, woefully unaware that the monkey is carrying a virus that channels pure rage. Transmitted by fluids, the virus takes effect within 30 seconds and turns the infected into blood lusting zombies.

Handled with great vision by director Danny Boyle ("Trainspotting") and shot entirely on digital film, it gives the grainy ambience of a chilling documentary. It is a wonderful film in many ways and number one on the list for this year's Halloween frightfest.

Reggae artist reveals soft side



ALBUM REVIEW
Jaime VandenHoogen

Remember that *Hey Baby, hey baby, hey* song by No Doubt that radio stations and MTV insisted on playing once an hour every hour in early 2002? The talented artist Bounty Killer provided the reggae collaboration with No Doubt on that song.

Before you can truly appreciate Bounty Killer's intense lyrics, you need to know a little about his background.

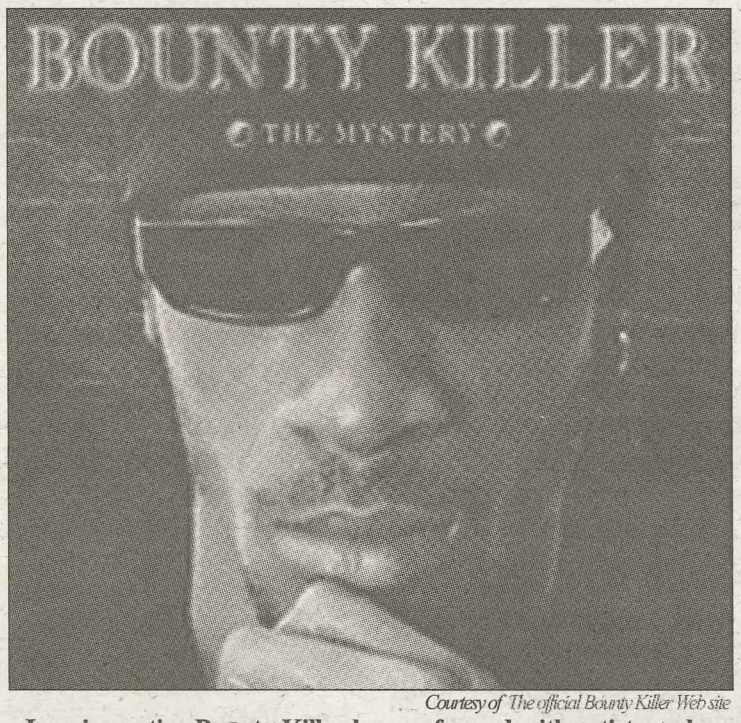
According to a press release, Bounty Killer is from a rough town in Jamaica called Riverton City. He grew up in poverty and watched his mother struggle to provide for nine children. His love and respect for her has influenced him more than anything else.

Bounty Killer refuses to escape his reggae style music but doesn't steer away from hip-hop collaborations. In addition to his collaboration with No Doubt, he has also performed with Busta Rhymes, The Fugees and Wu Tang Clan.

Bounty Killer's new album, *Mystery*, is pure reggae. The influences of his childhood and of his mother are clearly present in this album. The song "Pot of Gold" is a song entirely dedicated to his mother.

"Pot of Gold" is about his love and admiration for his mother, for teaching him how to survive and, as the title implies, that she deserves a pot of gold. It paints the image of a strong, caring and wonderful mother. This heartfelt song would have to make any mother proud.

"Mama, you deserve a pot of gold," sings Bounty Killer. "You taught me how to survive. Mama, you're my number one girl, special to me. Mama, you're the queen of my throne."



Courtesy of The official Bounty Killer Web site

Jamaica-native Bounty Killer has performed with artists such as No Doubt and Busta Rhymes. He appears at The Quest Nov. 5.

This song also shows that Bounty Killer has a softer side. While most of this album is intense reggae, "Pot of Gold" is a softer, calmer song. While it does pick up in intensity half way through, the listener gets the idea that Bounty Killer is capable of many different approaches to his music.

All of the songs on this album are well written and depict Bounty Killer's feelings about controversial issues, or issues of meaning to him. He stays true to Jamaica and his people, as he calls them and continues to sing about their struggles.

While there are 20 tracks on this album, and many to choose from, I recommend the tracks "Mystery," "The Evils of the Mind," "Party 2 the End of Time" and "Pot of Gold." All of the songs on the album have a clear meaning, but these songs were my favorite because of the lyrics that connect to people on many levels.

Bounty Killer is currently on a North American tour. You can catch him at The Quest in Minneapolis, Minn. on Nov. 5.

If you aren't able to make the concert, be sure to pick up his new album *Mystery*. You won't be disappointed.

Who: Bounty Killer
Where: The Quest
When: Nov. 5

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Truck it east to the City Limits



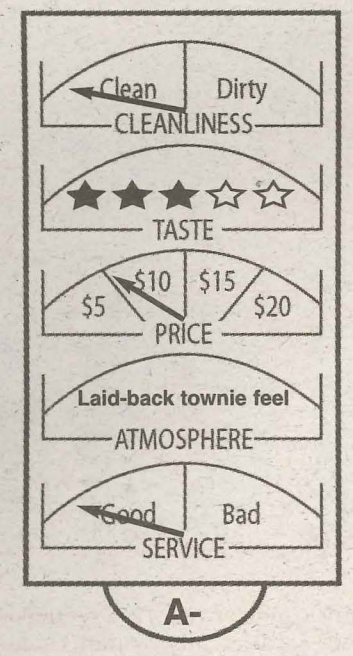
FEED YOUR BELLY
Paige Klein

Maybe you are looking for a hometown feeling. Maybe you miss the little mom and pop restaurant with all the regulars. Possibly you are just hungry for some decent home cookin'. Well then, you should head out to the City Limits Restaurant, also known as Exit 45.

City Limits, however, is more than just a restaurant on the outskirts of town; it is a gas station, convenience store and truck stop. It is also currently under construction with the hopes of opening the new addition before the end of the year. The expansion is going to include more seating and a new trucker's lounge.

In terms of what the City Limits Restaurant offers, you may be surprised at the extensive menu. Starting with the most important meal of the day is routine here. The restaurant serves breakfast all day, with everything from omelets to hot-off-the-griddle pancakes and breakfast sandwiches.

Other highlights of its menu include the Exit 45 Famous 1/2 Chef's Salad and the enticing list of burgers and dinners.



Taste was another big winner at the City Limits.

"There is great food," said John Stanton, a senior in studio art. "I really like those greasy spoon-type diners. However, I don't necessarily like the recent renovations. I miss the funky furniture and great atmosphere."

Atmosphere and service seem to go hand in hand at the City Limits. The waitstaff was courteous and quick. Their ease at the job allowed me to kick back and be comfortable. You may even feel like a regular, even if it's your first time there.

Amazingly enough, what with the high flow of trucker traffic coming through, the entire facility is fairly sterile. From the bathrooms to the dining area, there wasn't really a mess to be seen.

You can't go wrong with the prices, either. Breakfasts range from $2-5 and dinners from $5-10, including potato and soup or salad. You would be hard pressed to find a better deal on the outskirts of town.

Would I become a regular? If I had the time to truck it out there, you might find me enjoying that soon-to-be trucker's lounge, dining on a chili topper and people watching. In the meantime, I will just have to stop in whenever I make a trip eastward of Menomonie.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

City Limits Restaurant at Exit 45 off of I-94 is a gas station, convenience store and truck stop. It is a place to get homecooked food for reasonable prices. City Limits offers an extensive menu and speedy service.



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6-7 BEDROOM		
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Preparing early for the big move

Tips for students who are beginning the search for fall 2004 housing.

Diana Minea

Most students have finally settled into their living quarters; everything has found a place and the hallways no longer feel like an endless maze.

When one thing ends, another begins, so the scramble for housing arrangements has already begun to emerge in the minds of students planning to live off campus next year.

Starting in early November, landlords begin posting their lists of available houses and apartments for the following year. For students who have a place in mind, or for those who want to get a better chance at the best deals, now is the time to start getting everything set up.

A good place to start when thinking about housing arrangements is choosing whom to live with. Renters need to keep in mind that signing a lease in November means they are signing a contract for not just a year but actually nineteen months.

"You need to really know who you'll be living with," said Peter Wiese, President of American Edge Real Estate Services. "It is much easier to make a room change on campus than it is to change a lease."

Once a group is set up, there are a few options for finding the right place to live. Online postings at realtor websites, the housing list on the Stout Student Association website and the Off Campus Housing Fair will provide information on what houses and apartments are open for rent next year.

The Off Campus Housing Fair will be held on Nov. 6 in ballrooms A-C of the Memorial Student Center from 3-7 p.m. Landlords will be available to schedule tours and inform students about housing availability.

When viewing the lists of houses and apartments, the quickest way to eliminate many of them is by deciding how much each roommate is willing to pay. Rent fees vary from around $140 to $300 per month. Keep in mind that there will be extra costs such as cable, Internet, phone lines and utilities that will need to be added on to that price.

"Make sure you can afford everything," said Adam Miller, a junior majoring in business administration. "It adds up fast."

Keeping in mind prices, number of rooms and location, choose a few rentals that look like they would be appropriate for your group. Schedule tours for these places to get a closer look at what they offer.

"When you're touring a house, really take a look at it and know what you're renting," said Wiese. "Don't let yourself be surprised."

Make sure everyone attends the tours, even if one roommate says they don't care where they live. Many realtors don't allow second showings to protect the privacy of their current tenants.

"Act as a group," said Wiese.

Finding housing in Menomonie can be extremely competitive, but in comparison to larger campuses, the market for houses around this campus is much more reasonable. Housing prices are lower and rentals are more attainable than in urban areas.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Landlords and realtors use many different methods to advertise their available housing for the next year. A house overlooking Broadway utilizes its highly trafficked location as an opportunity to advertise.

"There used to be a very tight market for houses around here," said Wiese. "Over the last few years the market has softened, giving tenants a better opportunity to get what they want."

Living off campus is very different than living on campus. On campus living provides many services to its residents such as meals, Internet, cable, telephone lines, garbage removal, sport and game equipment as well as experiences that can only happen in the dorm environment. But living off campus offers its share of benefits as well.

"I miss having all my friends down the hall from me," said Julie Gabel, a senior in the graphic design major, "but living off campus gives you more freedom and lets you feel much more grown up."

Other benefits include bigger rooms, privacy, and year-round residence.

The transition from dorms to houses and apartments is quickly approaching. Start early and research thoroughly to ensure that next year's housing will feel just like home.

Walking the catwalk for future designers

Tiffany Laschinger

With thimbles and pincushions, apparel design students are tackling the biggest premiere of their college career, the spring fashion show on April 18. In order for their designs to be presented, they must call upon the cover girls and boys to flaunt them down the runway.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's apparel society (SAS) is hosting its first annual model search on Nov. 4 from 6:30-10 p.m. on the third floor of the Home Ec building. It is open for any male or female on campus who would like to help the apparel design students prepare for the 2004 Stout Apparel Society Spring 2004 Silhouettes Fashion Show.

"The show is the highlight and accumulation of 4 to 5 years of work," said SAS faculty advisor Kathy Kujawa. "It really gives the seniors a boost."

Models need to be available for fittings, professor critiques and runway rehearsals. In the past, apparel design students have recruited their own models, but this year Rae Seamans and Emily Siems Roberson, both sophomores majoring in apparel design, agreed to head UW-Stout's first model search.

Jeanette Grochowski, one of the fashion show coordinators and a senior in apparel design, recommends modeling for anyone that has an interest in fashion, wants to get involved or just wants to know what happens in the apparel design program.

Emily Weege, a junior in psychology, has been a volunteer model for the spring fashion show for the past two years and hopes to participate again this spring.

*please see **Model**, page 12*

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Underpaid and overworked

Lindsey Schuldt

They set up the audio; they set up the visual; as a matter of fact, they do almost everything when it comes to major events or even small group presentations. Yet they get paid less for years of service than a newly employed dining services employee.

Who are they?

They are Event Services.

"Four years ago the wages were a lot better than they are now," said Steve Day, a senior in multimedia design. "They say I can make up to $11.00 an hour, but it will never happen."

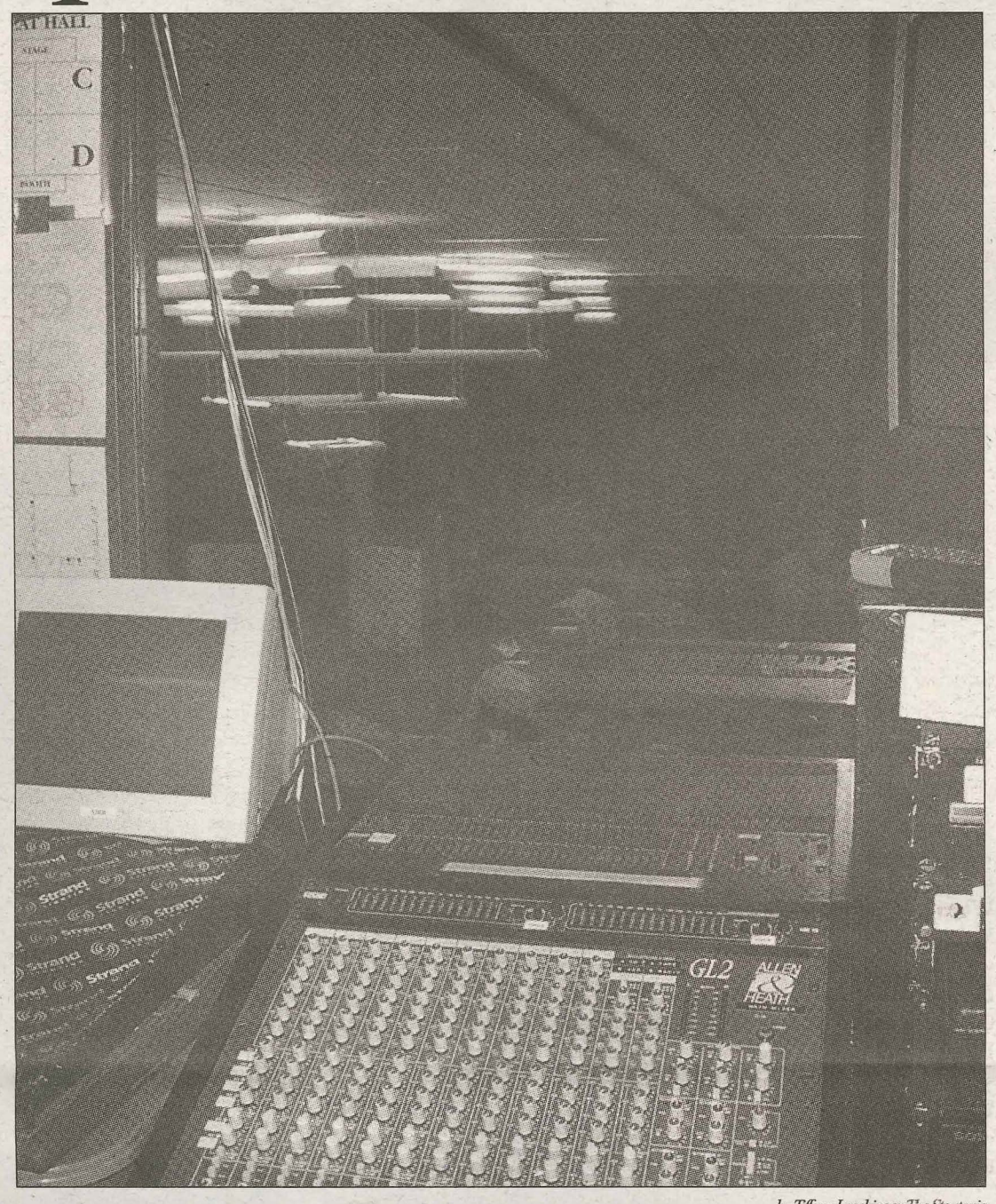
Day is currently making $5.80 an hour after working with Event Services for three years. Dining services starts employees at $6.00 an hour.

"Dining services puts a plate in front of you," said Brad Stafford, a junior majoring in fine arts and industrial design, "we operate millions of dollars of equipment" for famous performers and shows that cost thousands of dollars.

Stafford is a supervising manager for Event Services and is earning $6.60 an hour, while a starting student manager at Price Commons is offered $7.25 an hour.

"I could have applied for Brad's job, but the increased responsibility isn't worth it," Day said, shrugging off the notion of ever being a manager for Event Services.

Event Services is given a $19,000 budget to buy new equipment for the rooms in the Student Center and Commons. They work with all performers that come through the University of Wisconsin-Stout to make sure lighting is correct and the sound is accurate. They also set up all of the microphones, projectors and overheads for the smaller organization presentations on campus.



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The third floor of the Student Center contains the Event Services office. This room holds much of their expensive electrical equipment and overlooks the Great Hall.

"The UW-Stout staff doesn't know what we need; we have to tell them what [is needed], and they just get it [for us]," Stafford said.

The UW-Stout Event Services staff doesn't have any type of formal training system for their new employees. The student staff members are expected to train all new staff. Considering the budget cuts, along with the multi-million dollar equipment, one would think the university would be a little more careful with how they train new employees.

"If they have prior experience, some people train for two weeks; others train for two months," Stafford said.

They aren't paid enough. They have high responsibilities, and their supervisors aren't always able to help them. Yet, both Stafford and Day have been working for Event Services for two or more years. So what makes them stay?

"We're nerds," Day said with a laugh.

Stafford had another view on his job.

"I just really enjoy the job," Stafford said. "People run marathons because they enjoy it, but it's a lot of work."

Day said the part of the job he dislikes the most is having to do Internal Standardization Organization (ISO) reports.

"It's like TPS reports in [the movie] Office Space. ISOs are just to create a paper trail," said Stafford. "We also have lots of bosses to report to."

Event Services is not so much a student job, as much as a separate organization in itself.

"It's important to take note we are running a business, trying to make money. We give [people] a service," Day said.

Although big acts, such as Recycled Percussion, sometimes bring their own sound crew, or hire Blue Devil Productions to be their sound crew, the Event Services staff doesn't mind.

Other universities, like University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, have professional staff that does the jobs of current UW-Stout students. They are paid a salary every year for doing what students like Day and Stafford are paid $2,000 annually to do.

Highlights of the job include meeting many famous-and not so famous-acts that come through UW-Stout and getting to sit in on many interesting speeches and performances.

"Recycled Percussion said that we're one of their favorite spots on the tour," Stafford bragged, commenting that their staff was highly complimented by the garbage band.

Currently hiring, Stafford said he looks for students who have previous experience, but experience is not necessary. He's looking for fun-loving, hard workers who can handle the minimal pay.

"Maybe if people know about [how we are paid], things will change." Stafford said hopefully.

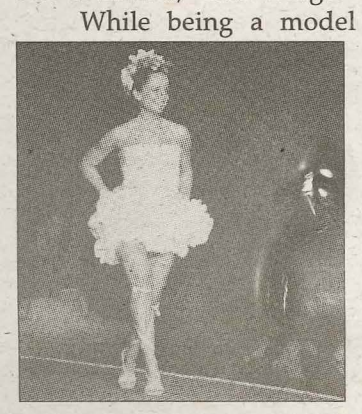
It's possible that someday wages will be more appropriate for the jobs performed by Event Service personnel, but looking at the current budget situation, it's not likely to happen before Day or Stafford's graduation.

Models / apparel design students seek help for fashion show

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"Even though I just model, I have great amounts of respect for these women and men because they put countless hours into their line of clothes," said Weege.

While being a model doesn't require much effort, they must be flexible when their designer needs them.

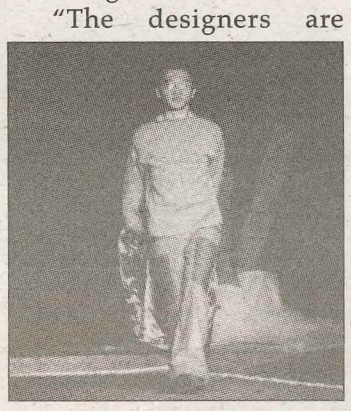


"At times modeling can be a little stressful because of the meetings and rehearsals," said Weege. "But, when the finished product arrives, it compares nothing to all the hard work that's been put in through the semester."

At the auditions, students will have their photos and measurements taken. They are also asked if they are planning any piercings or tattoos in the near future and if they would be willing to cut and color their hair if needed.

While models aren't paid, often the designers find other ways to show the models their gratitude.

"The designers are very accommodating to their models and show much appreciation for us," said Weege. "If that didn't happe,n no one would want to model."

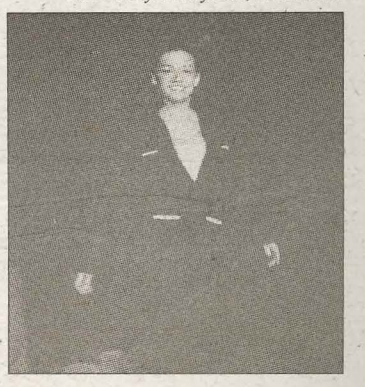


Execution is a crucial part of designing clothing, so designers want a model with confidence and charisma to help influence judges.

"Having great models who love doing it, have an attitude on the runway and can really show the clothes is a great asset here at Stout, just as it is in NYC," said Kujawa.

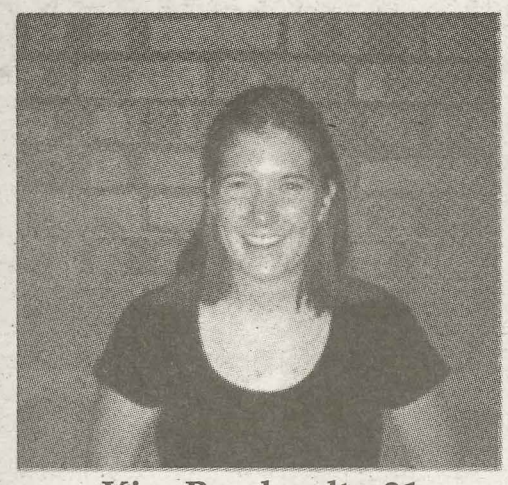
(left) **Sarah Wahl,** (middle) **Tuan Nguyen and** (right) **Jeanette Grochowski volunteered last year as models for apparel students. They walked down the runway to have their designed outfits judged at the 2003 Spring Fashion Show.**

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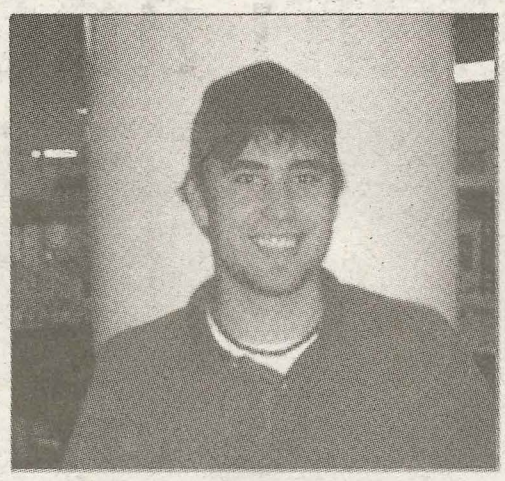
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Kim Borchardt - 21
senior in hospitality and tourism management

Ann Syrstad, The Stoutonia

Hometown: Fort Atkinson, Wis.
Relationship status: single
Favorite....
Movie: "The Wedding Planner"
TV Show: "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," "ER"
Beverage: raspberry iced tea
Store: Old Navy
Toothpaste: Crest Rejuvenation
Bar: The Market
Shampoo: Herbal Essence
Professor: Phil McGuirk, Ilse Hartung
Restaurant: Pedro's in Madison
One or the other:
Pepsi or Coke: Diet Dr. Pepper
White or wheat bread: wheat
Packers or Vikings: Packers
Least favorite thing about UW-Stout: The pool is still closed
Favorite thing about UW-Stout: The people
One word that best describes you: efficient
Where do you buy groceries in Menomonie? Lammer's
If you could marry one famous person who would it be? Why? Matthew McConaughey, he' s adorable.
What do you do for fun? Hang with friends and watch movies.
How do you like your eggs? On toast with salsa.
Biggest pet peeve? Wearing socks with sandals
Worst bad habit: procrastinating
Dream car: Jeep Wrangler



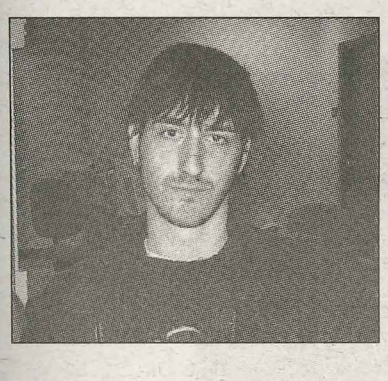
John (J.C.) Sandstrom- 20
sophomore in general business

Ann Syrstad, The Stoutonia

Hometown: Brookfield, Wis.
Relationship status: single
Favorite....
Movie: "Almost Famous"
TV Show: "Friends"
Beverage: Gatorade / beer
Store: Best Buy- I can't leave without buying something
Toothpaste: Crest Winterfresh
Shampoo: Herbal Essence; the commercial says it all.
Professor: Kennett
Restaurant: Too many choices, I like to try new places.
One or the other:
Pepsi or Coke: Coke
White or wheat bread: depends on the day
Packers or Vikings: Packers
Least favorite thing about UW-Stout: The cops that ruin all the fun
Favorite thing about UW-Stout: Getting done with class at 4:20
One word that best describes you: Laid back / friendly
Where do you buy groceries in Menomonie? Shamefully, Wal-mart
If you could marry one famous person who would it be? Why? Kate Hudson. She's amazing. Why else?
What do you do for fun? Anything to do with sports and the outdoors, and partying like a rockstar.
How do you like your eggs? over easy
Biggest pet peeve? People that pimp out their p.o.s. cars and think they look fly.
Worst bad habit: Going out on weekdays
Dream car: BMW M5

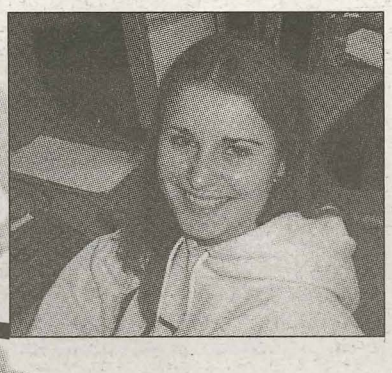
Slant

If you could dress up your roommate for Halloween, what would you dress him or her up as?



"Wonka as Oompa Loompa "

Joshua Ellingson
general business
senior



"Tina Biver as the Cat in the Hat"

Renae Best
general business
senior

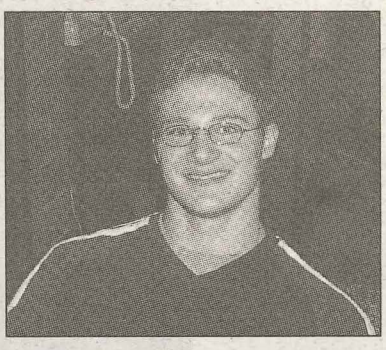


"Brian Helgeson as Dolly Parton"

Katy Wild
graphic design
senior

"Jackie Johnson as Burt Reynolds"

David Zinda
general business
junior



Next Week:

What other fees should be added to the Stout One card?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"Mid-program review was not the slaughterfest I thought it would be."



TYPECAST

Tiffany Laschinger

The thorn in my side has been removed.

I was subpoenaed four weeks ago to appear at my dreaded mid-program review, and as I prepared this morning for the slaughtering, I couldn't have been more nervous. Luckily, I didn't start freaking out until the hour before my scheduled time, so the pit in my stomach wasn't too large.

I have heard nothing but horror stories about critiques that bring students to tears. I was told board members rip apart every weakness displayed in your presentation, including your appearance.

This is treated like a professional job interview; and execution is crucial.

After I dug my old projects out of the closets back home, I realized I barely had enough projects to meet the requirements. So, I attempted to appeal my review and push it until next semester. I was told that I couldn't get out of it, so I started to prepare.

At this point, I wasn't really worried about the review. With a load of project deadlines to worry about, my mid-program review became a thorn in my side. I didn't care if I failed; I could just do it again next semester.

As I spent hours this morning making my tattered work presentable, I started to care about making a good impression. While the projects I had were not the work I hoped to show, it was a good representation of my progression as an artist. I was proud of them as a whole, and I wanted to come across as a credible designer.

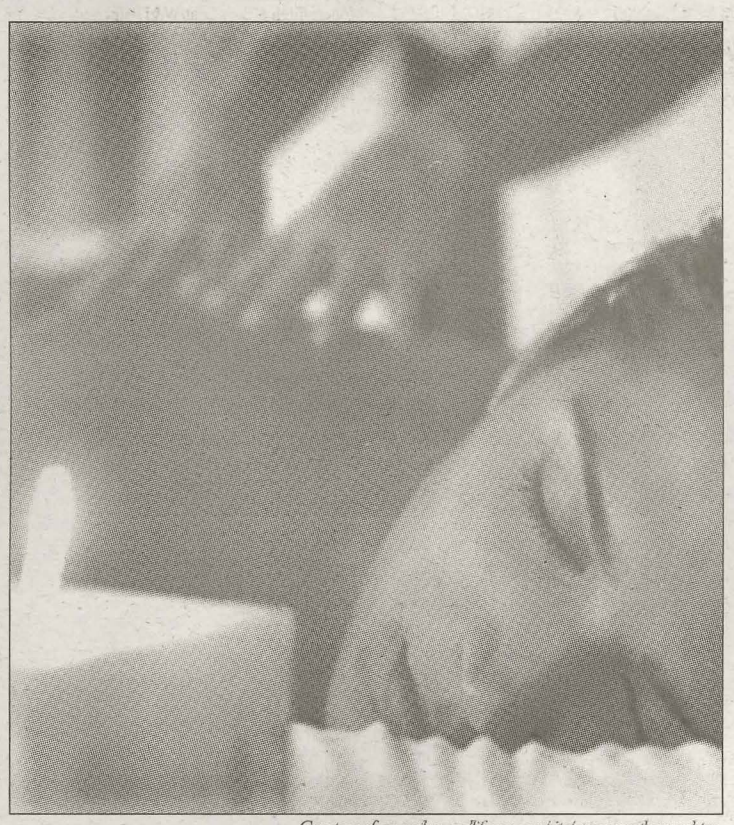
I had seconds to spare as three faculty members entered the room. As the critique progressed, I was overwhelmed by how well it was going. They were impressed with my overall workmanship, and I found their criticism helpful rather than abrasive as I had originally expected.

I no longer have to keep my projects for mid program review, but I now have to work towards building a portfolio that I can show future employers.

Overall, the whole review was beneficial to me. I was given good tips on how to make my presentation better, and it was a confidence booster.

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Take a breather: it's good for your health



Courtesy of www.thegoodlifespa.com/site/massage-therapy.htm

Elizabeth Erkel

The school year has barely begun. Midterms of the first semester are just getting over. With stressful times behind us and more to come, relaxing can be the first thing on everyone's mind but the last to be accomplished.

Heather McIntosh, a sophomore in hotels, restaurant and tourism management said that she would like to learn different ways to relax but finds it hard to set aside time to do that.

"It would be nice to know of a quick [technique] to do and make all of the worries of your day disappear for a while," McIntosh said.

The Internet is a medium to explore an array of relaxation techniques, but the process may be daunting for those who are looking to sit back and unwind.

"Laziness would definitely overrule when there is free time [as opposed to] putting the effort into looking something up," said McIntosh.

Relaxation can be as simple as learning how to control your breathing.

Rita Slinden, the instructor of the relaxation class at University of Wisconsin-Stout, said that "[Proper] breathing is the introduction to everything."

Slinden refers to a technique of relaxation called diaphoretic breathing.

To understand this technique, Pam Grout, the author of the book *Jumpstart your Metabolism: How to loose weight by changing the way you breathe* offers some easy to follow instructions.

"[Place] a book on you stomach right below your rib cage. Take a deep, slow inhale through your nose, letting your belly expand like a balloon," said Grout in her book.

Make sure the book rises as you inhale.

"Now, let your abdomen fall as you exhale slowly through your nose," she continues. "Press out the air, bringing the book back down."

After getting the diaphoretic breathing down, Slinden teaches a variety of other relaxation techniques in her class.

Sliden describes progressive muscle relaxation as a sequence of conscious muscle contraction. This process prevents muscle tension in areas like the neck and joints.

Autogenic training is another form of relaxation, and Slinden describes it as a type of self hypnosis. It is a technique where a person envisions themselves into a state of heaviness and warmth using concentration and focus.

Meditation is another technique Slinden teaches. This requires finding a position that feels comfortable and one that the student can focus on, rather than the half lotus position or chanting a mantra. Being comfortable is imporant so it is not a distraction.

"[Mental imagery] is legitimate daydreaming, you go to your own little happy place, utilize all of your senses, vividly see your images, feel the sensation of temperature, here the sounds and smell the smells," said Shinden.

There have been many studies relating to relaxation techniques and their healing powers on patients.

"Imagery has also been used in addition to conventional therapy in the treatment of cancer and other conditions,"said Melissa C. Stoppler, a physician and researcher with a medical degree from the University of North Carolina.

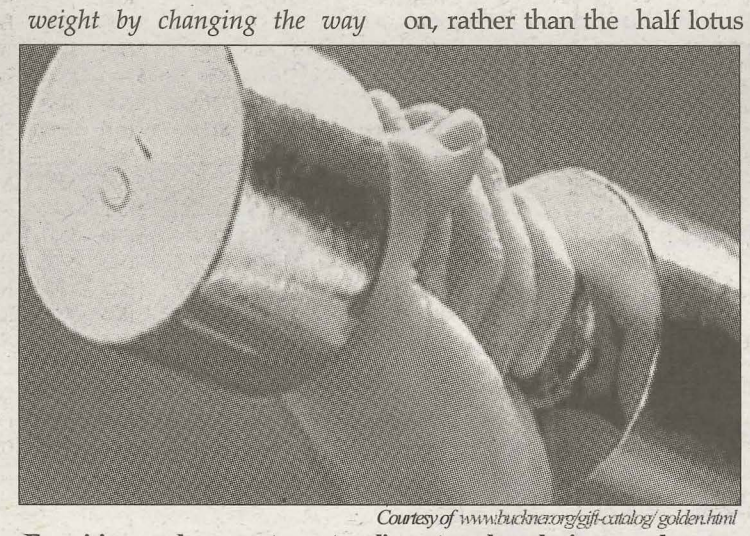
Massages and exercise are other ways she suggests to relax. She said exercise lowers the heart rate, blood pressure and releases muscle tension.

"When we stress ourselves, [and] later on we feel really good, that is the delayed [relaxation] response," said Shinden.

The techniques Slinden teaches are only a few of the many structured relaxation programs out there. She said there is a lot of good information in books and on the Internet, and most are easily self-taught.

"The relaxation class does appeal to me, I just haven't been able to fit it into my schedule, but I would like to try and make it fit," said McIntosh.

Slinden's class is offered quarterly for one PE credit, otherwise to find out more reaxation methods, or further information on any of the techniques listed, go to the following sites: www.stress.about.com and www.career-intelligence.com.



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1	1222 6th Ave	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Cozy,studio,all util except elec,	8
1	611 13th St E	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	400 1/2 Main St. #5	$335	$335	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	400 1/2 Main St. #3	$330	$330	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1221 7th St.	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water Excellent Location	4
1	113 _ MAIN St. #1	$330	$330	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash inc/location/n/p	9
1	113 _ MAIN St. #2	$330	$330	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash Inc/location/n/p/	9
1	400 _ MAIN St. #4	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	803 Wilson Av #5	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Include Utilities	8
1	803 Wilson Av #4	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
1	803 Wilson Av #6	$360	$360	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities/Location Parking	8
1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus, parking	8
1	1520 7th St.	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Close to Campus, Parking/Washer&Dryer	D
1	1226 Knapp St	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
1	803 Wilson Av #8	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Avail 9/1 Close to campus/util included	8
1	421 Wilson Ave. #3	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water, parking	6
1	113 _ Main St #5	$290	$290	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG & Trash Downtown Location/n/p	6
1	113 _ Main St. #6	$295	$295	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG & Trash Downtown location/n/p	6
1	119 W Main St. #1	$300	$300	$370	$370	Close To campus and downtown	3
1	630 _ s. Broadway #8	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Downtown location/WSG Incl.n/p	9
1	630 _ S. Broadway #9	$330	$330	n/a	n/a	WSG&T Incl/location/n/p	9
1	421 Wilson Ave #4	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water, parking	6
1	333 _ Main St. #1	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Downtown Location	O
1	333 _ Main St. #2	$400	$400	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Downtown Location	O
1	115 1/2 W. Main	$320	$320	$370	$370	Close to campus and downtown	3
1	113 W. Main	$350	$175	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	3
1	421 Wilson Ave #1	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
1	421 Wilson Ave#2	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
1	421 Wilson Ave #5	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 Parking spaces	6
1	421 Wilson Ave #6	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 Parking spaces	6
1	203 _ 13TH Ave. W	$390	$195	$450	$225	Huge Bedrooms, super location	D
1	1415 4th St. W	$410	$205	$500	$250	Gas Heat/ Garage/great location	D
1	1221 _ 7th St.	$440	$220	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG,HotWater, Excellent Location	4
1	619 _ 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG,HotWater, Excellent Location	4
1	421 13th Ave W	$450	$225	$570	$285	Gas Heat Hardwood floors	D
1	113 _ Main St. #3	$470	$235	n/a	n/a	Inc WSG,Trash,n/p Downtown Location	9
1	113 _ Main St. #4	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc WSG,Trash,n/p Downtown location	9
1	619 13th Ave	$470	$235	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
1	1803 _ 7th St.	$450	$225	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
1	1506 6th St.	$420	$210	$500	$250	Huge Bedrooms, enclosed front porch,	D
1	1506 _ 6th St.	$330	$165	$400	$200	Enclosed Front Porch/Great Location	D
1	115 W Main St.	$400	$200	$485	$243	Parking,downtown location	3
1	119 Main St. #2 W	$380	$190	$430	$215	Close to campus and downtown, parking	3
1	915 _ Main St.	$380	$190	$455	$228	Nice Duplex with parking	D
1	921 Main St. #2	$420	$210	$520	$260	Good Location, Parking	4
1	921 Main St. #4	$410	$205	$510	$255	Good Location, Parking	4
1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$405	$405	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
1	1721 1/2 7th Street	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc Utilities/good location/washer/dryer	D
1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$500	$250	$620	$310	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
1	605 13th St.E #4	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
1	607 13th St #5	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/ st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
2	414 _ 12th Ave	$430	$215	$510	$255	Upstairs apt/great location,parking	D
1	147 _ Main St. C	$650	$325	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/n/p	O
1	802 6th Ave. #5	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/parking	6
1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	All Utilities included Great Location Parking	6
1	1310 _ Main St.	$550	$275	N/A	N/A	Very Nice Upper Apt/Large	D
1	1502 10th St.	$525	$263	$650	$325	House,Garage, Washer Dryer Hook ups	H
1	1721 7th Street	$600	$300	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
1	119 W. Main #3	$525	$175	$625	$208	Close to campus and downtown	3
1	716 1/2 12th Ave.	$550	$184	$700	$234	BIG kitchen and living room	D
1	716 12th Ave.	$600	$200	$750	$250	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
1	802 6th Ave #4	$675	$225	N/A	N/A	Parking, Util inc, great location	6
1	814 1/2 10TH St	$615	$205	$715	$239	Large Rooms, Gas Heat, nice place	D
1	921 Main St #3	$600	$200	$720	$240	parking and convient location	4
1	414 - 12th Ave W.	$615	$205	$750	$250	Very large/Garage/Storage/LOCATION	D
1	1415 1/2 4th St.W	$620	$207	$740	$247	Gas heat/Garage MODERN, w/d hook-ups	D
1	203 13th Ave. W.	$750	$250	$850	$284	Great location,parking, large rooms	D
1	503 18th Ave.	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Very nice, Close to campus	D
1	503 1/2 18th Ave.	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Very nice, Close to campus	D
1	1310 Main St.	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
1	147 1/2 Main B	$960	$320	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
1	1311 S. Broadway	$560	$140	$680	$170	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
1	1606 10th St.	$600	$150	$780	$195	House behind Lammers,w/d hook up	H
1	1514 - 10th St.	$600	$150	$750	$188	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
1	1508 10th Street	$620	$155	$770	$193	Close to Lammers / Large Rooms	H
1	1809 - 6th St.	$620	$155	$780	$195	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Garage	H
1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
1	321 13th Ave. W.	$620	$155	$740	$185	Super Location / HOUSE/WASHER/DRYER	H
1	1115 14th Ave.	$680	$170	$820	$205	Gas heat/garage/large rooms/WASHER/DRYER	H
1	1120 15th Ave.	$640	$160	$800	$200	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
1	2235 So Broadway	$940	$235	$1140	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H

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4	1.5 121 1/2 12th Ave.W.	$900	$225	$1000	$250	Large apartment, super location	D
4	2 1721 7th St.	$1120	$280	n/a	n/a	Includes Util. WASHER/DRYER, Parking	H
4	1 1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2 1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5 414 14th Av W. #1	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5 414 14th Av W. #2	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5 414 14th Av W. #3	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5 414 14th Av W. #4	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5 414 14th Av W. #5	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5 414 14th Av W. #6	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5 414 14th Av W. #7	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5 414 14th Av W. #8	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	2 1620 - 6th St.	$980	$245	$1130	$283	Great House/WASH/DRYER hook-up/gas heat	H
4	1 915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	1+ 1515 6th Street	$980	$245	$1100	$275	Spacious, close to campus,washer/dryer	H
4	2 1301 9th Street	$1020	$255	$1200	$300	Beautiful house/garage/Location/WASH.DRYER	H
4	2 602 12th Ave.	$1000	$250	$1140	$285	Great location, W/D, gas heat, very nice	D
4	2 1415 8th Street	$1000	$250	$1150	$288	Upgraded recently,great location,parking,W/D	D
4	2 332 1/2 Main St.	$1040	$260	$1170	$293	Huge, W/D, deck, the best 4 br dntwn/parking	H
4	2 1317 8th Street	$1040	$260	$1180	$295	Washer/Dryer, Deck, good location	H
4	2 1021 8th St	$1100	$275	$1275	$319	Beautiful house with decks/close to campus	H
4	2+ 147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1420	$355	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	2 1702 6th St	$1,110	$278	$1300	$325	Large House close to campus/washer/dryer	H
4	1 1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2 1600 10th St.	$1000	$250	$1175	$294	Great House, Washer/Dryer Hook-ups	
4	2 205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	1 1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1 1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2 1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1 1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2.5 902 Main St.	$1125	$225	$1325	$265	Great Location, Large Rooms,WASHER/DRYER	H
5	2 1403 - 6th St.	$900	$180	$1100	$220	good location/ lots of parking	H
5	2 814 10th St	$925	$185	$1125	$225	Large rooms,modern,great floor plan,Wash/Dryer	D
5	2 516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1 1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	1 1115 6th St.	$1000	$200	$1150	$230	WASHER/DRYER/ right on campus	H
5	2 512 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1,050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	2 1220 7th Street	$1000	$200	$1150	$230	1 Block from Campus/washer/dryer/house	H
5	2 405 20th Ave E	$1000	$200	$1160	$232	Great house/washer/dryer	H
5	2 1820 8th St. B	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2 1820 8th St. C	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2 1820 8th St. D	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	1 914 6th Ave.	$1025	$205	n/a	n/a	great house, Parking	H
5	2 320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2 320 Fryklund Dr. #2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2 2006 5th St. #A	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2 1803 7th St	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	Washer/Dryer/parking/good location	D
5	2 2303 3rd St.	$1050	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
5	2 1521 8th St.	$1,075	$215	$1250	$250	House / Large Rooms / good location	H
5	2 121 W 13th Ave.	$1175	$235	$1350	$270	Excellent location and condition, Washer/Dryer	D
5	2 422 12th Ave. W	$1175	$235	$1350	$270	Nice house, large front porch, good location	H
5	2 607 13th Ave.	$1,150	$230	$1325	$265	Excellent/huge rooms/location/parking	H
5	2 1008 6th St.	$1,275	$255	$1495	$299	Excellent location/garage/parking/wash/dryer	H
5	2 2006 5th St. #C	$1,275	$255	$1450	$290	New /Washer-Dryer, Lg Rooms	3
5	2 2006 5th St. #B	$1,275	$255	$1450	$290	New /Washer-Dryer, Lg Rooms	3
5	2 1708 6th St A	$1,325	$265	$1475	$295	New/great location with parking/washer/dryer	D
5	2 1708 6th St B	$1,325	$265	$1475	$295	New/great location with parking/washer/dryer	D
5	2 321 14th Av W	$1,250	$250	$1420	$284	Close to campus,w/d,great house	H
6	2 1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2 504 10th St.	$900	$150	$1100	$184	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/large rooms	H
6	2.5 1502 - 7th St.	$840	$140	$1,050	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/new siding	H
6	2+ 115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2 1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2 114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2 114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2 1714 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	Very large, deck, prIvate, high eff gas heat	H
6	2 1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2 513 9th Ave.	$1330	$222	$1530	$255	Across from HOME EC / LARGE	H
6	2 415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2+ 1415 1/2 8th Street	$1560	$260	$1750	$292	Fabulous, WASHER/DRYER, Parking	D
6	2+ 408 18th Av W	$1,560	$260	$1730	$289	Wonderful,WASHER/DRYER,close to campus	H
6	2+ 921 8th Street	$1680	$280	$1880	$314	Beautiful house,WASH/DRYER,close to campus	H
6	2 115 17th Av W	$1260	$210	$1430	$239	House,Location,w/d	D
6	2+ 121 1/2 W 13th Ave.	$1650	$275	$1800	$300	Super Location, Washer/Dryer	D
6	2 205 W17th Ave B	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2 205 W17th Ave C	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2 205W17th Ave D	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2 602 1/2 12th Ave.	$1620	$270	$1840	$307	new, large bedrooms, next to campus,Wash/Dry	D
6	2 321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2 321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2 321 20th Ave C	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2 321 20th Ave D	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	
7	2 220 - 12th Ave. W.	$1400	$200	$1,625	$233	Location / WASHER/DRYER/ large yard	H
7	2 1321 2nd St. W.	$1575	$225	$1775	$254	Large / 2 living rooms / location	H
7	2 802 12th Ave.	$1,575	$225	$1800	$258	Large modern house, Washer/Dryer	H
8	3 1421 S. Broadway	$1,840	$230	$2050	$257	One of the best larger houses,WASHER/DRYER	H
10	3 1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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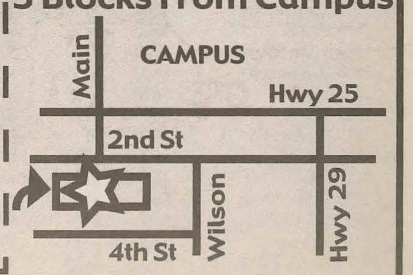
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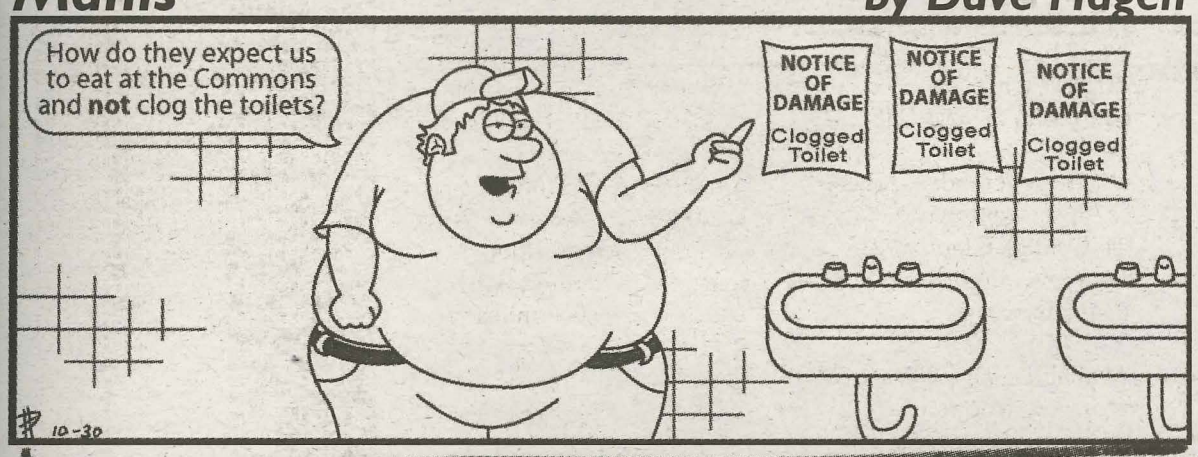
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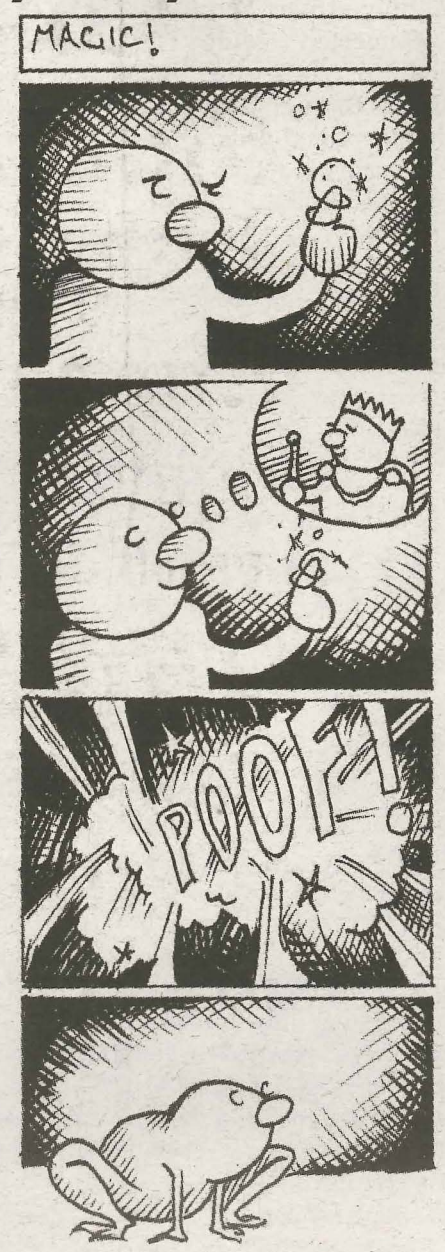
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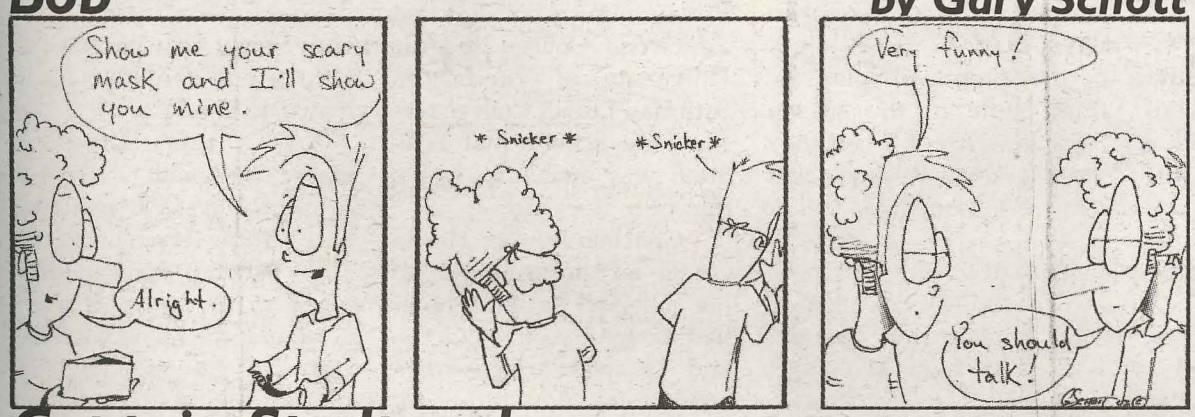
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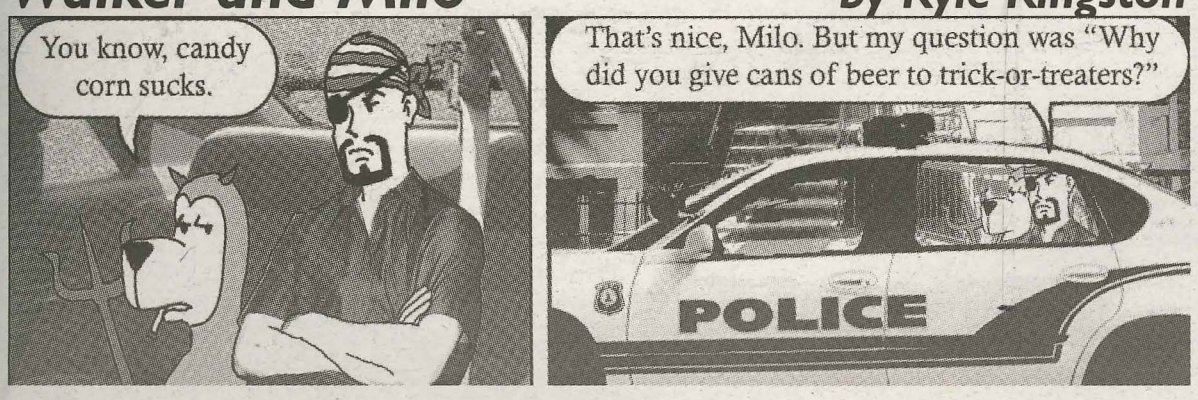
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Reviewing the week in sports

Wesley Simonis

Football

It was Luke Bundgaard who led the charge for the Blue Devils in the teams 21-13 victory over the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Bundgaard rushed for 209 yards followed by quarterback Nick Ohman, who ran for two touchdowns and passed for another as the University of Wisconsin-Stout came out victorious. The game was played on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Don & Nona Williams Stadium.

Overall, the Blue Devils held the high-powered rushing offense of UW-River Falls in check, allowing only 211 rushing yards and 243 yards total. The Falcons (1-5, 1-3) had been averaging 364 yards rushing and 430 yards total.

A 42-yard pass from Ohman to Seth Mattison took UW-Stout to the Falcon's 33 yard line. Bundgaard and Ohman combined for 32 of the remaining 33 yards, and Ohman pushed his way in from the four-yard line to tie the score at 7-7 with 7:43 remaining in the first quarter.

After stopping UW-River Falls on fourth down midway through the second quarter, the Blue Devils drove from the team's own 14 to score.

Bundgaard rushed for 51 yards in the drive and Ohman connected with Jesse Wendt for a 22-yard gain midway through the drive. Ohman scored from the three, which gave UW-Stout a 14-7 lead going into the half.

Neither team did much offensively the rest of the game. The final touchdown was when Ohman hit Mattison with a perfect 34-yard pass into the end zone to seal the game with 7:38 left in the third quarter.

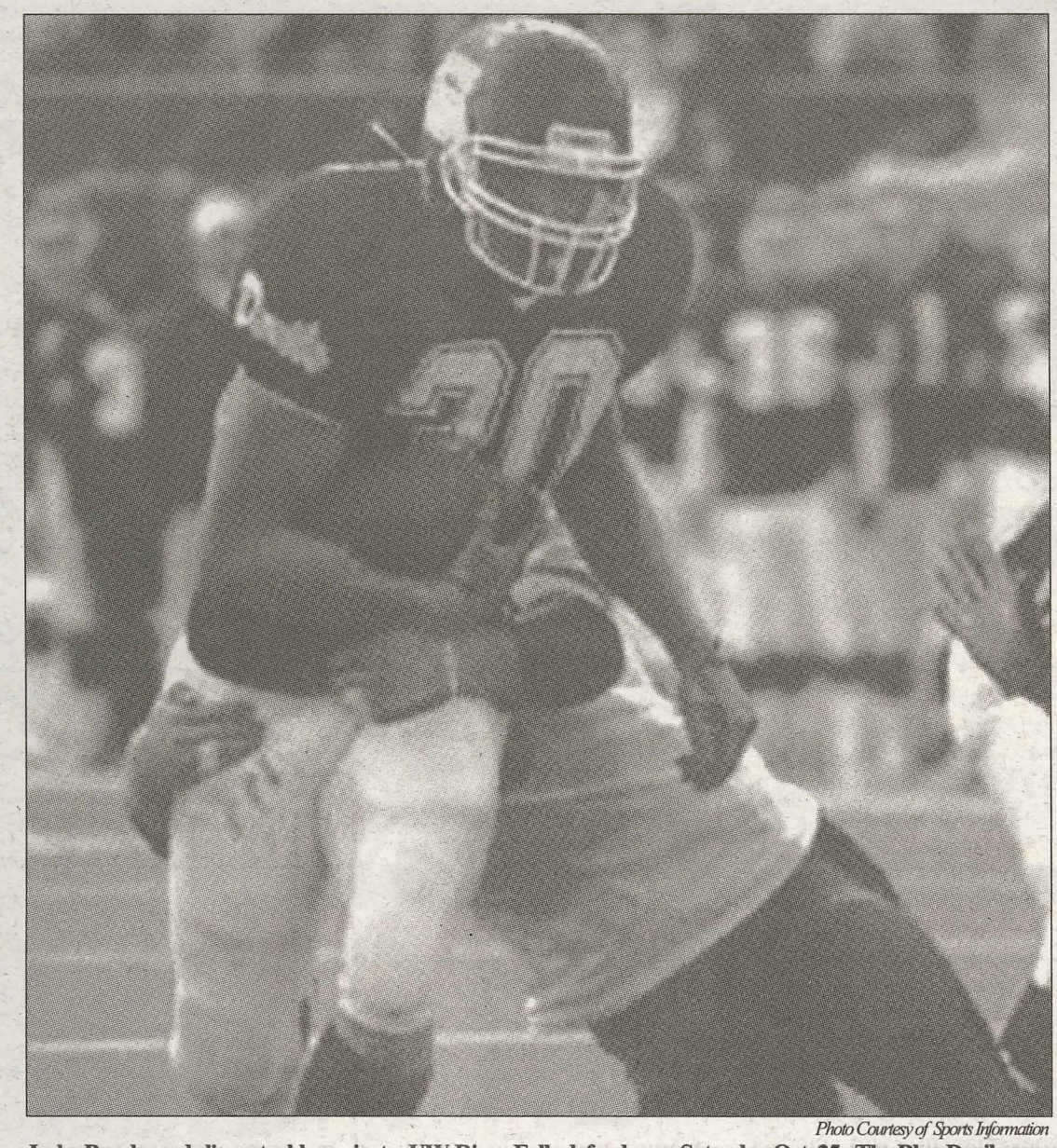


Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Luke Bundgaard slips a tackle against a UW-River-Falls defender on Saturday Oct. 25. The Blue Devils won 21-13 with an impressive performance on the ground and in the air.

UW-Stout will be at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Soccer

It was a cold and windy afternoon in southern Minnesota when the Blue Devil soccer squad was shut out by the University of Gustavus Adolphus on Saturday, Oct. 25, in St. Peter, Minn.

The Gusties (8-6-1) had the single goal of the game, which was in the 70th minute, when Samantha Engh scored unassisted. UW-Stout was outshot by the Gusties (11-7), (11-4).

UW-Stout's Melissa Ballweg recorded six saves on the afternoon, while the Gusties Lindsey LaVoie had three saves.

UW-Stout will play the final game of the season Saturday, Nov. 1 when they host Nebraska Wesleyan at 1 p.m. at Nelson Field.

Volleyball

The Blue Devil volleyball team finished a perfect 4-0 at its own UW-Stout Volleyball Tournament, Saturday, Oct. 25. The team only dropped one game during the entire tounament.

The Blue Devils (18-12) defeated both the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Luther College Friday night and defeated Edgewood College and the University of Viterbo on Saturday. Luther College was the only school that UW-Stout was unable to sweep the entire weekend.

Gretchen Schroer played strong as she wrapped up her collegiate career. Schroer had 12 kills against Viterbo and 15 against Edgewood. Schroer, along with teammate Erin Heger, was named to the all-tournament team.

Lindsay Mensink also had a good tournament having 14 kills against Viterbo, as well as three service aces. Mensink had four block assists against Edgewood.

UW-Stout will be at the UW-River Falls Invitational Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and then will head into the WIAC Tournament; traveling to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Tennis

Tina Rodin finished fourth at No. 6 singles to lead UW-Stout at the 2003 WIAC Tennis Championships in Madison.

Rodin, who was seeded fifth at No. 6 singles, defeated the fourth seed Becky Briese of UW-River Falls, (4-6, 7-5, 6-1). Rodin was defeated by University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Lindsay Lee in the second round, (6-3, 5-7, 6-4), then was downed in the third place match by UW-La Crosse's Katie Kaufman (6-3, 6-2) to place fourth.

Freshman Jenna Bettmann came in with a fifth place finish. Bettmann was the sixth seed at No. 5 and lost to University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Nicole Stamm, (6-4, 6-2) in the opening round. She then came back to easily handle UW-Stevens Point's Liz Ganshert, (6-2, 6-1). Bettman downed Lane Drechler of University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the fifth place match, (6-4, 6-3).

As a team, UW-Stout placed seventh. UW-La Crosse had a steady performance at the tournament to claim the 2003 championship by a narrow margin over defending champion UW-Eau Claire. The league crown is UW-La Crosse's first since 1992 and snapped the Blugolds' 10-year conference championship winning streak.

Running club sprints in first season



HEALTHNEWS
Rebecca Werner

Have you ever wanted to join a University sport but did not have enough time to dedicate to one? Or perhaps you have been intimidated by the intensity of a University sport. If you are one of those club sports or intramurals people this option for you.

Thankfully, there is new club on campus designed for runners who may not have been able to join the Cross Country or Track and Field Team.

Jeff Keenan, a freshman double majoring in business administration and hospitality and tourism, has created the University of Wisconsin-Stout's first ever running club.

"We want to welcome the community, faculty and staff," said Keenan.

The club has scheduled several group runs each week. They meet Sunday through Thursday at varying times and places.

Each run is of a different caliber, and on every run a club member leads the group and sets the pace.

Most information about the club can be looked up on its website, www.uwstout.edu/student/running. On this site, you will be able to find contacts, their next day of running and the description of the length and difficulty of the run along with other informative topics.

"Since the club has started in late September, we have 50 members already," said Keenan. "I think that is a significant thing."

The club may be new, but it is rapidly growing. Keenan said another bonus to the club is that every member gets a roster with the names and phone numbers of the other members. That way if a person is unable to meet with the group at the scheduled times, they may be able to find anther running partner from the phone list.

Along with meeting new people, another incentive to joining the club is that it fills space on a perhaps naked résumé, or it may be the activity that helps to motivate you, keep you in shape and/or help direct you on your quest for self-discipline.

If this club has sparked your interest and you would like to contact the group, simply e-mail them at running@uwstout.edu. This may be the extra activity that you have been looking for.

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Vikings loss gives Packers hope



SPORTSTALK
Ryan Wessley

As many Vikings fans remember, two seasons ago in the NFC Championship game, the Giants whopped the Vikings 41-0. That bitter taste was still in the back of the team's mouth on Sunday, and they wanted revenge.

Again the New York Giants (2-4) seemed to have the Minnesota Vikings (6-0) number this past weekend. The Vikings couldn't defeat the master mind of Kerry Collins and the Giants. With the Giants 13 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, the Vikings weren't able to gather all of the elements necessary to get the win and remain undefeated this season.

The Giants won the game 29-17, bringing their record to (3-4): the Vikings dropped to (6-1), leaving the Kansas City Chiefs (8-0) as the only remaining undefeated team in the NFL.

Giants Quarterback Kerry Collins passed for 375 yards and two touchdowns. Tiki Barber had a touchdown and 122 total yards.

The Giants ended a three-game losing streak and have yet to lose four in a row in all of head coach Jim Fassel's seven seasons.

The Giants were (3-4) last year before winning seven of their final nine to earn a spot in the playoffs.

Vikings Randy Moss had 125 yards receiving, but Dante Culpepper also threw his first two interceptions of the year.

Ike Hilliard led the Giants in receiving with nine catches for 100 yards. Last Sunday was the fourth game of the season in which Randy Moss totaled more than 100 yards.

Minnesota had the lead 17-16 in the third quarter, and would have sealed the game with a blocked punt by Jack Brewer inside the Giants 5-yard line, but Giants line-backer, Wesley Mallard, alertly scooped the ball and ran 20 yards for a first down.

When the Giants scored their first-quarter touchdown, it marked the first time the Vikings have trailed at home this season.

During the game, Culpepper put his name in the Vikings record book by surpassing Wade Wilson's 929 career completions. This put him in third place, trailing Fran Tarkenton and Tommy Kramer.

Culpepper also moved into second place all-time for the team in passing yards in the first five years of a career.

Although the Vikings still remain in the top of the NFC at 6-1, if their offense remains one dimensional with Moss and Culpepper, they may not win the NFC North this season. The Green Bay Packers (3-4), who are coming off of a bye week, will be taking on the Vikings on Sunday night. The winner of this game will most likely be the winner of the NFC North division.

If the Packers want to come out of the Metrodome with a win, it will take a strong performance from the secondary as well as a strong pass rush.

The key to beating the Vikings lies in the containment of Randy Moss and forcing Culpepper to make poor decisions.

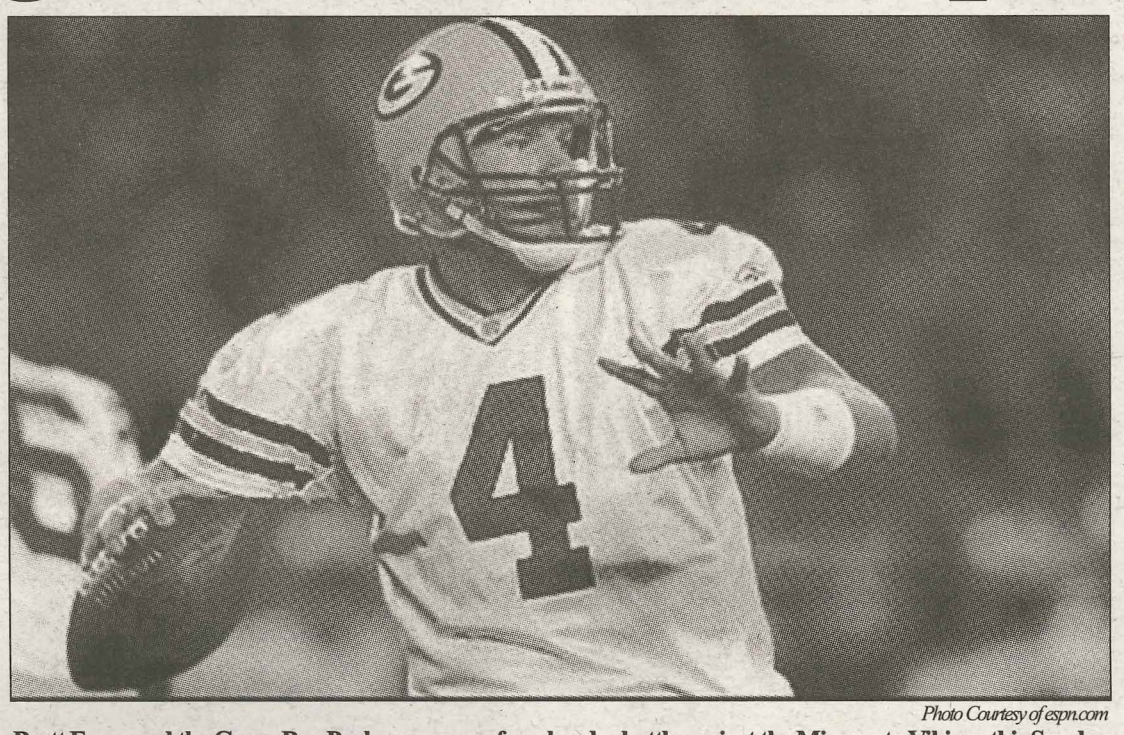


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Brett Farve and the Green Bay Packers prepare for a border battle against the Minnesota Vikings this Sunday night. With the Vikings on top of the division, the Packers will need a win to turn their season around.

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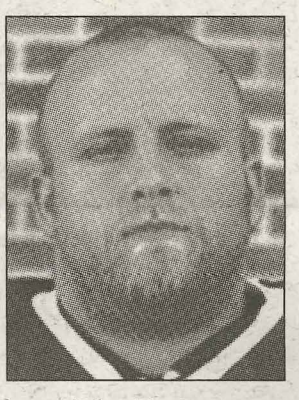
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Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Joe Kersten



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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *the Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

Joe Kersten was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) defensive football player of the week for his efforts in the Blue Devils' 21-13 win over University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Kersten had a dominating defensive game for the Blue Devils, and he recorded 13 tackles with seven of them solo. Kersten had five tackles for losses and one sack. He also forced a fumble.

As, an interior lineman,Kersten was a key to holding UW-River Falls, the top offensive team in the WIAC, to only 211 rushing yards. University of Wisconsin-Stout won the contest, 21-13, Saturday, Oct. 25.

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Loss brings Vikings back to Earth



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

So the Vikings finally lost a game.

That thought has to be on the minds of about half the campus, but for the other half, the first loss of the season comes as a tough blow.

After watching the game against the Giants slip away, I think I felt what all Vikings fans were feeling when I said, "ah, $#%&!"

Besides, when your team blocks a punt and then allows it to be run for a first down, they should automatically lose the game anyway.

With the second round of the border battle set to take place on Sunday night, fans have to be wondering if a turning of the tide is coming in the NFC North.

No.

"Experts" on the NFL at Sports Illustrated and ESPN said the Vikings weren't expected to be in first, nor were they going to win more than nine games this season. Well they've got six wins right now and their remaining schedule is against teams with a 28-35 record.

With a three-game lead over Green Bay, which is the closest thing the Vikings have to a challenge in their division, the Purple Pack should be looking to print playoff tickets for the first time in two years.

Daunte Culpepper threw his first two interceptions this past week. I wonder how many Brett Farve threw the last time those teams played? Let me just toss in the tape from week one and count them on my fingers. Would I need two hands for that?

Farve has thrown nine picks this season and is looking to reach the mid-twenties before the end of the season.

Last time out the Vikings defense caught the Packers by surprise. It won't happen again. Already teams are catching on to the changes in the Vikings defense. Lately, short plays and runs to the right have been easy yards against the Vikings. Watch for Ahman Green to run to the right hard and often.

This week will be a real test for both teams. A win for the Packers is the only chance for them to get back into the division race, and the Vikings can ill afford to drop two in a row to sub-500 teams and expect to contend come December.

Both coaches have something to prove this week. Mike Tice and his teams got a mini-rant from team owner Red McCombs after the Giants loss. A win this week would not only shut up the rich Texan but any critics that pop up after a loss.

For Mike Sherman, it will be a chance to build momentum into the second half of the season. He won't admit it, but Sherman is beginning to feel the huge amount of stress that comes from being a team's coach and general manager.

Every time these two teams square off I think of the post game talk between the coaches.

"Good game Mike."

"Yup. Tough loss Mike."

The Vikings run game will only get better with the return of a semi-healthy Michael Bennett. Coaches are saying that Bennett isn't back to full strength, but he wanted to get back into the lineup so that he doesn't get forgotten in the Viking's backfield.

Along with shoring up their defense the Vikings also need to try to fix their kick return situation.

When their kicker started having back trouble, they signed a kicker to help out with kick offs.

Now that the return game is running on one cylinder the Vikings should sign a kick returner.

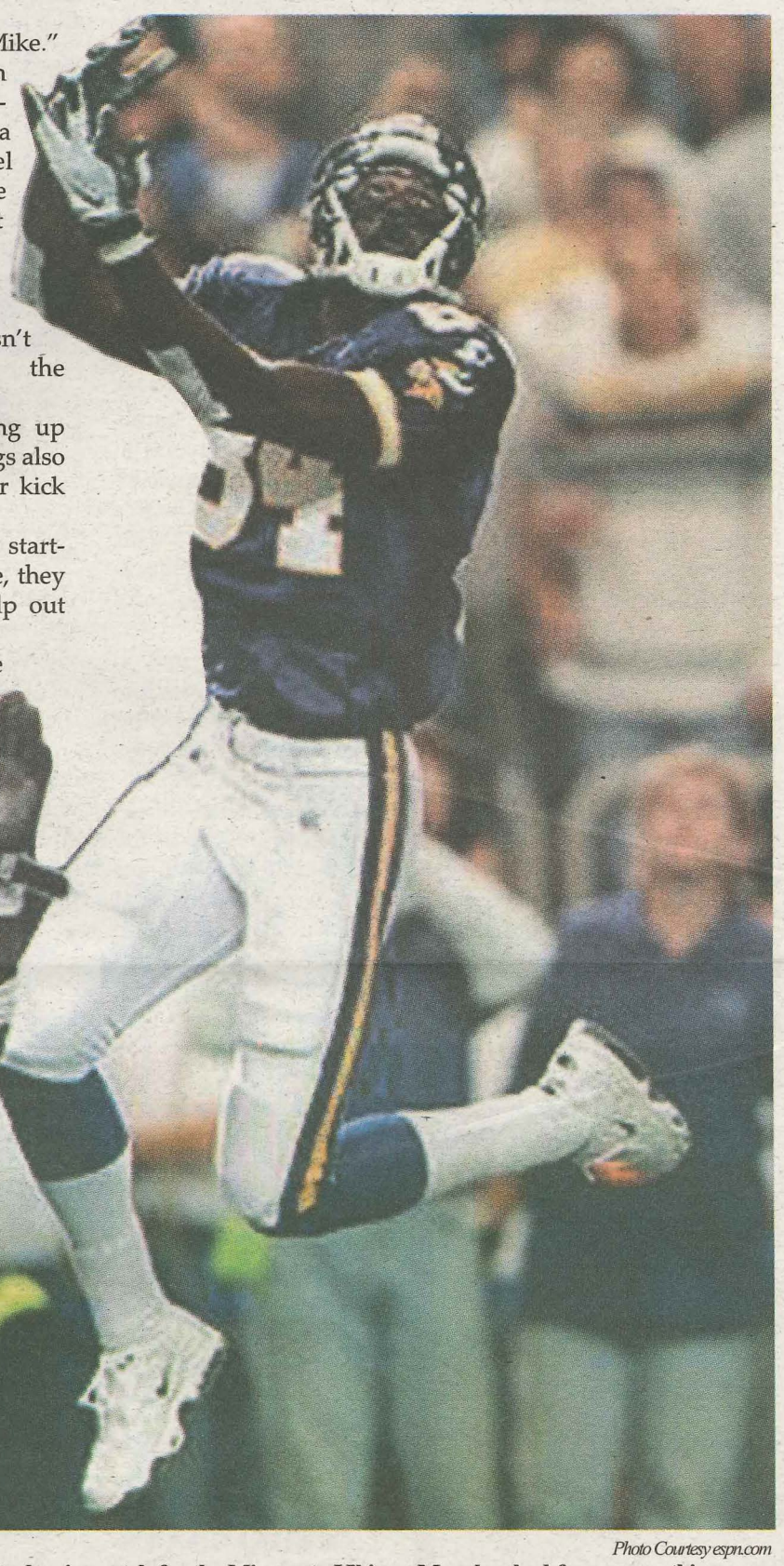


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Randy Moss makes another leaping catch for the Minnesota Vikings. Moss has had four games this season with over 100 yards recieving. The Vikings will be taking on the Green Bay Packers on Sunday night.

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Tony Schlemm assists in the registration and records office to help students with their frustrations.

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Focus 2010 presented to students

Tim Solfest

Focus 2010 was introduced to the student population for the first time during the Stout Student Association's (SSA) general meeting Tuesday night.

Ross Olson from the Budget, Planning and Analysis office presented a brief 14-slide PowerPoint presentation to SSA members on behalf of Chancellor Charles Sorensen.

"How do we keep the same level of quality of education and service with less money?" said Olson.

The university is seeking to address questions with Focus 2010.

In a memo sent to all University of Wisconsin-Stout staff, Sorensen explained the purpose behind Focus 2010.

"The historic guarantee to high access and low tuition is eroding rapidly and we continue to shift costs to our students," said Sorensen. "With this in mind, our fall focus group sessions to identify campus priority will reflect on the future of higher education at UW-Stout. We will focus on the year 2010."

Although Tuesday's presentation provided no specific answers to that question, it suggested three themes addressed by the Chancellor's Advisory Council.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Ross Olson, director of budget, planning and analysis for the University of Wisconsin-Stout, presented the university's plan for change, Focus 2010, to the Stout Student Association Tuesday night.

The campus learning community was one of those themes. For students, this might impact the academic calendar, which includes dates of finals week and spring break.

How students take certain courses is also something that might be investigated. Currently, most students attend classes in the classroom. Decisions made from Focus 2010 could mean that students who come to UW-Stout in a few years will have more options for taking courses in settings other than the traditional classrooms, such as online courses or the up and coming hybrid model.

Academic programs were another theme of the discussion. This area specifically looked at ways to strengthen program advisory committees, customize instructional learning for graduate programs and increase the number of undergraduate customized instructional programs.

UW-Stout's technology advantage was the third theme developed. University administration is trying to make all services available online, develop a new public relations and marketing effort and incorporate technology in various aspects of campus life.

"There are a lot of questions [regarding Focus 2010] and very few answers," said David Hay, SSA president.

Over the next few weeks, members of the Chancellor's Advisory Council will be giving presentations regarding Focus 2010 and asking for feedback from students, faculty and staff.

The next meeting for students will be on Nov. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Great Hall Ballroom C. Students are strongly encourage to attend.

"This is our chance to build the Stout legacy," said Hay. "I'd like nothing better than to have not enough seats in the room [for all the students who want to attend]."

More information about the Focus 2010 initiative can be found on the Budget, Planning and Analysis Web site at http://www.uwstout.edu/bpa

Road to tenure track to get a clearer map

Crystal Miller

A proposal has been made to clarify the tenure procedures for University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty.

After a faculty member's sixth year of service, a review is done to make sure the teacher is excelling in teaching, research and professional responsibilities. Once faculty members receive tenure, their job security at the university is almost 100 percent until they choose to retire.

"It was created to provide academic freedom to qualified professionals," said David Hay, Stout Student Association president.

There are no revisions being made to the rule, but there are proposals being made to help in the understanding of the rule.

"We're not trying to change policy here; we're trying to make it clearer," said Anne Ramage, chair of the faculty senate's committee for personnel policies. "We are developing a timeline because there has never been one."

The purpose of the proposed timeline is to inform the faculty members up for review about deadlines for tenure applications and tenure decisions.

Acorrding to Ramage, the proposal will affect all faculty, not specific departments.

The main concern with the current tenure rule is that faculty may be unaware of certain deadlines for achieving tenure. This may cause some to be unprepared for their review.

"My tenure has been approved by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents," said Bruce Maylath, an English professor. "I was never confused about the review date, but if some new faculty members are, a clear-cut timeline couldn't hurt."

Some students believe that the tenure rule elicits laziness among tenured professors because they know their jobs are secure. Other students disagree with that statement.

"This is in many ways like an urban legend," said Hay. "Everyone talks about 'that tenured person who doesn't care,' but I question how many actually know the person."

"I don't think I've ever had a 'lazy' professor," said Abigail Varpness, a senior in marketing education. "I've had professors that I don't necessarily like, but that doesn't mean they don't do their job."

Nevertheless, a faculty member granted tenure status cannot be fired for being inattentive.

According to the Faculty Academic Staff Limited Appointees Handbook, "Any faculty member having tenure may be dismissed only by the board and only for just cause and only after due notice and hearing."

This rule not only applies to a tenured faculty member, but also to academic staff. To be dismissed, there must be proof that a faculty member has done something unacceptable.

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Senate passes conceal and carry

New bill may allow college students to carry concealed weapons on campus and other public places

Chelsea Rickert

A bill that would allow law-abiding Wisconsin citizens with a clear record to carry concealed firearms in many public places, including university campuses, passed the Republican-led state Senate on Friday, Oct. 24.

The Senate passed the Personal Protection Act in a 24-8 vote. Such a majority has never occurred in the history of the Wisconsin legislature.

Although the state legislature voted almost unanimously, Wisconsin Governor, Jim Doyle, along with many citizens, do not want the bill to become a law.

"Doyle has publicly promised to veto the bill," said Lisa Walter, chief of police for the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Senator Dave Zien, R-Eau Claire, who introduced the bill, foresees an override of the veto.

Overriding the governor's veto has not occurred in Wisconsin for two decades.

The Personal Protection Act would allow concealed weapons in Wisconsin but includes exemptions for K-12 school buildings along with many other state-owned buildings where there are major concerns for safety.

The University of Wisconsin System is seeking to exclude individuals from harboring concealed weapons on any public and private college or university grounds.

State Senator Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls, has offered an amendment to the bill that includes all university and college campuses to the list of places where concealed weapons would be prohibited.

"Adding the exemption for campus buildings will continue the tradition of a safe educational environment on college campuses," said Jeff Pertl, president of the United Council of UW Students, in a press release. "Safety in the classroom is essential in order to allow students to freely express themselves and have an open forum for ideas."

Walter predicts that, with the amendments to the bill, campus life would not be affected very much. Individuals with a permit to conceal weapons would have to securely store their weapon in their vehicle.

"Emotions can run high, and it would be tragic if those emotions were to result in the use of weapons to resolve differences," said Katharine Lyall, president of the UW System. "Students under great stress are not above taking the lives of their teachers."

Law enforcement officials at UW-Stout are concerned about this bill.

According to Walter, police officers go through extensive firearm training to be allowed to carry a gun, while citizens merely have to qualify for a permit to have the same privilege.

"The majority of people that own guns now may want a permit to carry concealed weapons, but they don't have the training of police officers," Walter said.

There are many others who are concerned for the safety of the community.

Jennifer Spychalski, a sophomore in family consumer science, blames concealed weapons for most of the violence that occurs today.

"If there were no concealed weapons, there would be much less violence," said Spychalski. "If nobody had guns, you wouldn't need to protect yourself."

Wes Freimuth, a freshman, believes firearms on campus are unnecessary.

"I don't even think the cops need them," said Freimuth.

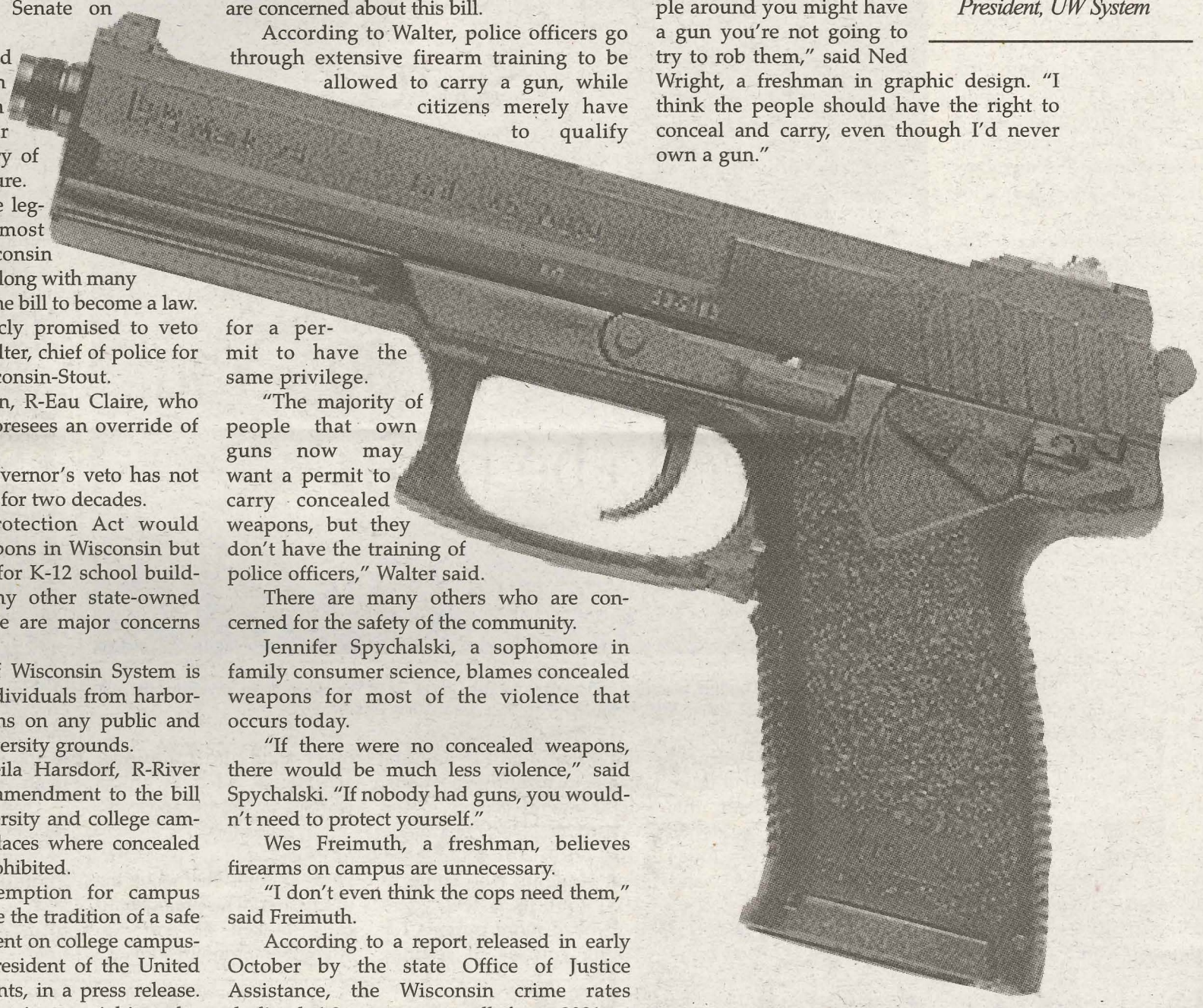
According to a report released in early October by the state Office of Justice Assistance, the Wisconsin crime rates declined 1.2 percent overall from 2001 to 2002. Violent crime has dropped in every state over the past few years.

"You don't know if criminals are thinking of the possibility of victims carrying a gun for protection," said Walter. "It's not much of a deterrent."

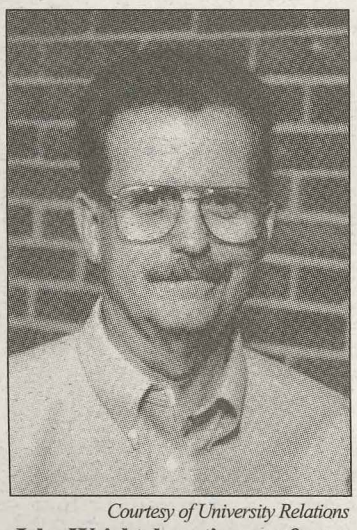
Although some people may think that the Personal Protection Act would create more violence, others think the occurrence of violent acts would lessen.

"If you think ten people around you might have a gun you're not going to try to rob them," said Ned Wright, a freshman in graphic design. "I think the people should have the right to conceal and carry, even though I'd never own a gun."

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> **Katharine Lyall**
> *President, UW System*



University loses another member



Courtesy of University Relations
John Wright, long time professor, died last week.

Business professor pioneered classes, taught life-long career lessons

Amanda Herr

John Wright, former assistant professor of business at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, died Monday, Oct. 27. He was 61 and had retired from teaching in May 2003.

According to Stan Johnson, chair of the business department, Wright was a pioneer in developing the management information systems courses that the business department offers.

Wright served 10 years in the military, including time served in Vietnam. After leaving the military, he was a certified public accountant, taught at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and then worked at an accounting firm. He joined UW-Stout's business department in 1984. He was also a licensed pilot and served as chaplain in the Wisconsin National Air Guard.

Services for Wright were held in Eau Claire on Oct. 31. The James Huff Stout bell in Bowman Hall sounded a funeral toll in his memory.

"We deeply mourn the loss of one of our colleagues," said John Enger of university relations. "A loss of any member of the university community reflects on all of us."

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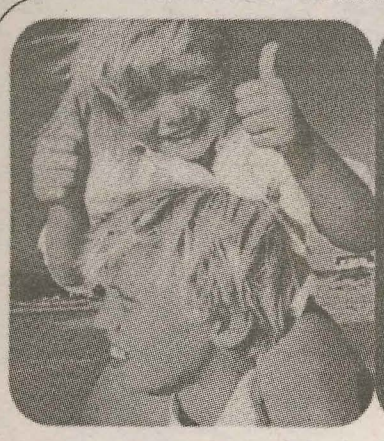
Laura Hartung, the University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate accused of calling in bomb scares, pulling false fire alarms and committing arson in Antrim-Froggatt residence hall in 2001, appeared in court at the Dunn County Judicial Center last week.

She pleaded not guilty to eight felonies. These felonies include two counts of class B arson, four counts of class E second degree recklessly endangering safety and two counts of class E bomb scares.

In late August, Hartung entered a plea of not guilty for four class A misdemeanors. She was accused of intentionally pulling false alarms.

Hartung will appear in court again on Nov. 24 at 8:45 a.m. for a pre-trial conference to determine if the matter is ready for trial.

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12:00 Noon Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center

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Wednesday, November 12
Faculty Panel discussion: Learn more about teaching and studying abroad.
12:00 Noon Glass Lounge, Price Commons

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Saturday, November 15

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Worth Hearing Once

Whatsoever

It's a fun word that really should be three words.

And it turns out that image is everything

Images are a huge part of our society. Everyone has heard how, in order to be attractive, a person must portray an image of being thin and having desirable features. Does this same sense of image apply to everything?

At the University of Wisconsin-Stout there are a number of examples of this image obsession. Students couldn't have cared less about the Baldridge Award, but to the people who run this university, that award was like a "lose 20 pounds in two days" diet plan. It was nice to get the award, but just how important was it?

On the south lawn by the MSC, the old bell from the clock tower was turned into a memorial of sorts, and there are also rock "sculptures" surrounding the MSC. The student body was not screaming for these landscape upgrades, but they happened nonetheless.

This image first mentality shows up in many other situations.

Politics is a great example of image first thinking. Candidates for public office should be chosen by what they can do in power, not how they look. But time and time again, the person who puts on a better show will beat out the competition.

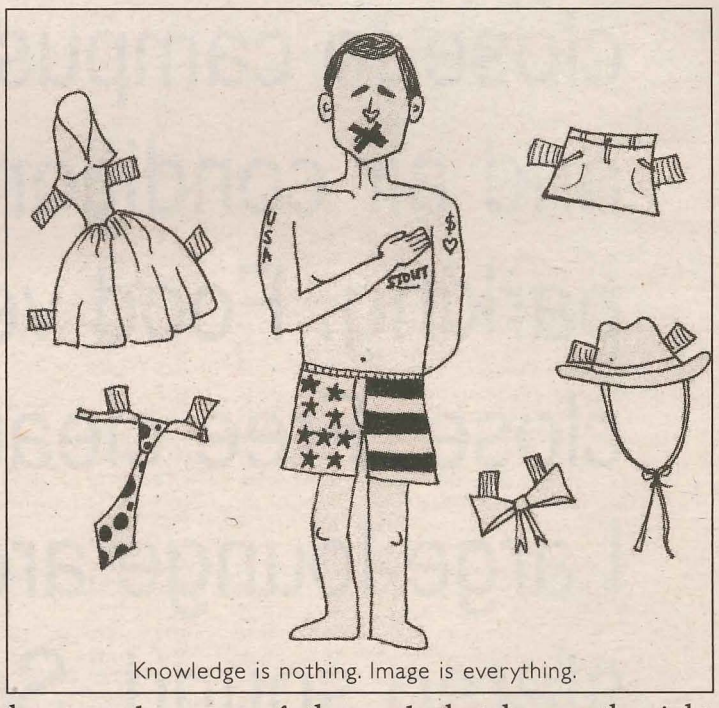
Just look at the recent California recall election.

How many of the candidate's names can you remember? For most of you the list is going to be very short.

Aside from Governor-Elect Mr. Terminator and maybe that short guy from that old sitcom, the other candidates are just afterthoughts.

California is a very glamorous state, so it makes an odd kind of sense that they elected an actor to lead them.

The main point is that he won because of the images typically shown in his films. He certainly didn't win based on his previous job experience. He doesn't have any!



Knowledge is nothing. Image is everything.

Another example would be President Bush, who outspent his republican competition before he even had to face Gore.

Bush showed great images of himself often enough to convince people that he was the right person for the job. He didn't dazzle anyone with his fancy Texan-style speeches.

What does this say about our society? Hopefully not much.

Maybe the nation is just going through a phase where best images own the day.

Now where is the office's copy of GQ?

Winter weather can sap your funds



GREENSAVER
Elizabeth Bailey

I've been getting screwed over by my heating bills! Last week my landlord decided to rip out an exterior wall without fully finishing any kind of insulation barrier. It wasn't until it started snowing and we were freezing to death that they finally came to put in the insulation.

We've had some pretty ridiculous heating bills in the past, and I want to share with you what I've learned can reduce winter bills.

Most college housing is low budget with minimal upkeep, which really means our landlords will try to take us for everything that they can.

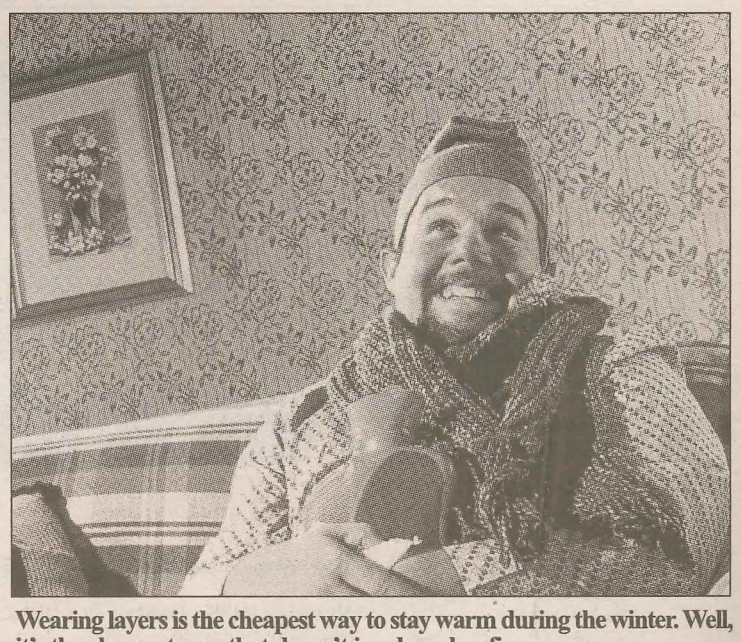
Contrary to what many believe, you will not freeze to death by keeping your heat below 68 degrees in the winter. Each degree you lower your heat you'll save one to three percent on your energy bill. When you go to sleep at night turn your heat down below 60 degrees. That's what body heat is for, plus you'll be underneath your mountain of covers.

Old windows without storm windows are probably the fastest way for heat to escape your home. Since mine are from the 1800s, I'm pretty sure that we may as well just leave them open during the winter months. We'd probably lose just as much heat, but our house would at least smell fresh.

Keeping your blinds open during the daytime will help let the sun's natural, free heat in, and closing the blinds when the sun goes down keeps that heat from escaping.

I know it is difficult to pull the blinds up and down, but remember, it's good exercise that will also help your cash from flying out the windows.

Now that the sun is showing its face less everyday, energy efficient lighting can also keep your energy costs down. Compact fluorescent bulbs give off the same light as common incandescents for one-quarter of the energy. They also last about ten times longer.


Wearing layers is the cheapest way to stay warm during the winter. Well, it's the cheapest way that doesn't involve a bonfire.

Your water heater is another main energy user. Keeping the temperature set below 120 degrees will not only save you from getting burned but also from burning a whole in your pockets. If you can't put your hands in your hot water, it's obviously way too hot!

The absolute easiest way to stay warm in the winter is to just dress in layers. You're not meant to live inside during the winter months like this is Hawaii. Sweats are the warmest and most comfortable clothing to lounge in.

Keeping your feet warm with socks or slippers is also very helpful, especially if you don't have carpet. I personally love scarves, mittens and hats. I wear them both indoors and outdoors, whether I'm cold or not.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you Stoutonia

Thank you for the tremendous coverage you gave to the United Way Campaign. It is a worthy organization and does benefit students both from a volunteer/professional perspective, and occasionally from an actual service perspective.

There were just two points I wanted to clear up in this excellent article. The first is, as readers might have surmised from the photo that accompanied the story, that the county goal is $400,000 and not $45,000 as you reporter wrote.

The second relates to the comment ascribed to me about last year's campaign being "not very good."

While the totals raised by the students last year were more modest that this year's totals, I was impressed by the creativity and energy of the students' campaign efforts, as I was by the efforts focused on staff and faculty last year.

The students held a fund-raising event in the Terrace, a real initiative in the history of United Way on campus; and for the staff and faculty campaign, an incentive program was instituted, supported by donations secured by the American Hospitality Professionals Association, and on-line pledging was made available for the first time.

I would say this year we built on the successes of last year's campaign and hope we will make last year's campaign committee proud of our shared success!

Pinckney Hall,
Co-Chair
UW-Stout United Way
Campaign Committee

Elevators go up and down

I am writing in reference to the story you published on elevators last week. I think you should continue to raise awareness on this issue.

This morning I was taking the elevator to my fourth floor class in Harvey hall. I allow my self to take the elevator twice a week. I only do this because I have many classes on the fourth floor of Harvey hall and it's nice to not have to hike up the steps with my 20lb. back pack everytime. I also justified it because virtually everyone else takes the elevator.

Today after getting in the elevator on the first floor to my surprise the elevator went to the basement. I was standing way in the back stuffed in like a sardine and the doors opened. Everyone just stood there... looking out. From my view I couldn't see anyone waiting to get on.

I started to wonder what was going on when two girls standing in front got off and said this is stupid you all have working legs. It then occurred to me why I couldn't see someone standing outside the door. Someone in a wheel chair needed to get on. I immediately pushed though the crowd of people to do the 'right' thing and get off. I have two perfectly working legs. After I got off no one else did and the girl in the wheelchair was forced to squeeze in. I roughly calculate that there were 15 people on the elevator and only 3 got off.

This is a disgrace! Even after your story no one is listening! Or is it they are just too lazy?

Jennifer Louviere
UW-Stout Student

Ms. Louviere,

Thank you for writing in. We here at *The Stoutonia* agree that laziness blows. Far too many students are lazy and should try walking up a few flights of stairs.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

No hurry in searching for Mr. or Mrs. Right



DEARRIGHTER
Michelle Erdmann

Ever walk into a house to find your friends burning pictures of their ex-boyfriends with a mixture of satanic and sad looks on their faces? Situations like that really make me wonder, what is wrong with relationships?

The University of Wisconsin-Stout campus and the town of Menomonie are not that big compared to the rest of the state, country and world. Yet most local college students strive incredibly hard to find someone to "be with," as if Menonomie were the only place on earth.

It seems we are thinking procreation relies only on us. Therefore, we better find someone as soon as possible. We search the bars, classrooms and gyms for someone to call our boyfriend or girlfriend.

When that someone comes along, we are literally wearing ourselves out because we are succumbing to relationship drama. The sad part is that we think we have to.

Well, I'm here to say that you don't have to play this game anymore. Honestly, you don't have to be in that type of relationship or try to make it work.

Note to the student body: if you aren't married and/or don't have a kid, pack your stuff and head out on your own.

Let's all think back to that fragile and innocent point in time when we were the age of a child.

You remember sitting in the grass playing with a stick, mesmerized by the way you could draw a picture in the dirt. All it took to make you happy was a big glass of Kool-aid and a Bugs Bunny cartoon.

We didn't need a girlfriend or boyfriend. In fact, all we wanted was our buddies, but never a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Now let's think about the present. Most of us are bleeding, or better yet, gushing out insecurity, thinking we need to be in a relationship in order to be happy. Our brains are fried not from schoolwork but relationship problems. What we really think will make us happy actually creates misery.

I want to clear all of your heads that are cluttered with drama, drama and more drama. It is okay to be in a relationship, but it is not okay to think you just have to be in one right now.

That's right, if you are stuck with someone where you feel like you're forced to go to that ritual Sunday night dinner and talk about nothing, then don't. And if you are the one who is forcing that Sunday night dinner trying to make it work, don't do it anymore.

You girls that are stuck staying the night at your boyfriends' rat hole houses, where the stench of stale beer is embedded in your hair and the toilet seats have been removed because they were never put down, don't have to anymore.

And you boys that dread the nights at your girlfriend's house, where all you can hear is the blasting of sappy love songs and all you find in the fridge are full of garden burgers, wine coolers and fat-free dressing, you really can say "never" again.

For now fellow students, you can bask in the light of your own life-meaning do and see whomever you want. Go out with the roommates and drink as much as you want, even until you're dancing on the bar top with the townie who doesn't have any front teeth.

If you're not trying to please or find someone else, then you have no one to please, except yourself.

Someday we may find that special someone to marry, have kids with and raise a family with. For now we're too young to close our minds and hearts to just one person.

P.E. courses for the physically uninclined



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

Ah, yes, I do love those physical education credits. If you're an art major like me, or any other major, you have to find time to take two credits of classes where physical activity is required.

Physical activity has always been the bane of my existence because, frankly, I'm lazy. I mean I am LAZY. I chose to live in North Hall this year because it has an elevator, if that's any indication.

But even with all of my laziness and physical shortcomings, I was stunned to find out that the course entitled "relaxation" counted for a phy. ed. credit. Yes, people, if you need to get a gym credit out of the way, you can take relaxation.

In light of this news, I came to the realization that the door has really been opened for more - how should I put this - "alternative" phy. ed. classes.

I decided to come up with a few of my own classes that would count for a gym credit, ones that would push the limits even further for what is considered phy. ed. Here are two of my better ideas.

The first is for the great number of smokers that attend most colleges.

Do you enjoy smoking but want to find a way to get more of that sweet, sweet nicotine into your system on a daily basis?

Well, why not take Chain-smoking 101!

You can learn to chain-smoke like a pro from people who do it best, and get one of those pesky gym credits out of the way.

My second idea centers on an idea similar to the relaxation class, but it focuses more on the "power nap."

It's a college classic that some people just can't seem to master.

Introductory power napping, as it will be known, will teach students not only to fall asleep faster but to fool themselves into thinking that a power nap is a decent substitute for a good night's sleep. A whole credit just for learning to sleep on command.

That's right folks, here at the good old University of Wisconsin-Stout just about anything is possible.

Those were the cream of the crop, as far as I'm concerned, but a close third was laundry engineering 220.

It would have to focus so much on drier operation that the class would seem unbalanced. Maybe, if enough students contact the right individuals, we can get these classes to be taught over WinTerm, and if we're really lucky, for cheap.

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Frustrations soothed by Tony

Registration time is here again. With budget cuts, many students are having schedule conflicts.

Lindsey Schuldt

The clock is ticking in the background. Perspiration builds on your cold forehead. You take a deep breath and forget to exhale as your forefinger slowly clicks your mouse to select the 'Submit' button.

It seems like hours pass, but in actuality, it's only been about five seconds. And then, you see it. The blank page that will not let you register because you hit the button FIVE SECONDS TOO EARLY!

Registration can be a bumpy time for many students. With fewer classes available, and sometimes impossible to locate professors, it's a wonder that students survive the rush at the end of each semester.

"It's a pain in the [butt]," said Jessica Bauer, a senior in early childhood education. "Classes I need never match the schedule I have."

Bauer's not the only one having problems.

"Early childhood education majors always have to have more than 18 credits," said Cari Melville, a senior in early childhood education. "We have to wait until the beginning of the semester to try and get classes."

These are the same classes she will need to graduate next December.

If seniors can't get the classes they need, how are freshmen going to feel when it's their turn to register?

Most freshmen will be registering within the next week, and may bypass the online registration to go to the man in the registration and records office.

This man is known as that registration guy with a really long beard, or some may know him a little more personally as Tony.

"This is a stressful time for students," said Tony Schlemm, a clerical assistant for registration and records. "I like to give them the raspberries."

Anyone coming into the registration office might be slightly nervous or frustrated. Upon leaving Schlemm's desk, students are often in a better mood, even if their problems remain unsolved.

Using his signature phrases such as 'Good time to get 'er out of the way big feller,' and talking on the phone while stating, 'Your worst case scenario is going to be coming in here and dealing with me,' while chuckling the whole time, puts many students worried minds at ease.

So how, exactly, did this registration and records assistant get to be so popular among students?

"I'm high on life and live for jocularity," Schlemm said with a laugh. "[Also] I sit here and they can't avoid me."

If Schlemm could warn students of just one thing, it would be to make sure to check for holds on their accounts ahead of time. These holds will restrict students from adding classes to their new schedule.

"We're denied access if they haven't checked out their holds," he said.

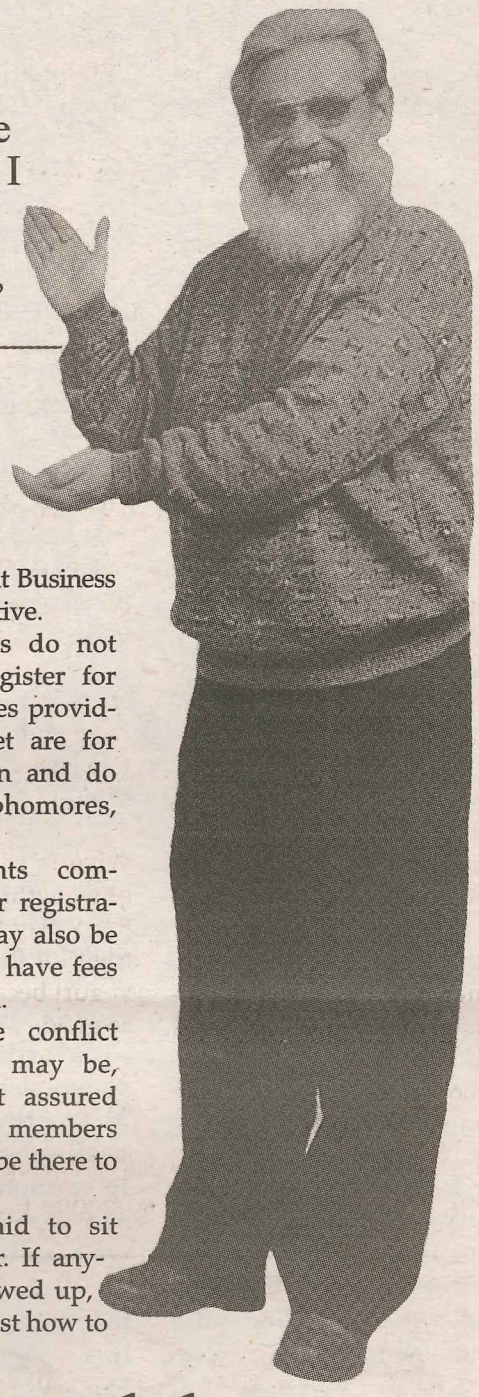
Some students, such as Jami Parker, a graduate student majoring in guidance and counseling, claim that the hardest part is not finding classes but rather "finding professors to have them sign different things."

Another new frustration with registration has become the new form every student must sign before being allowed to register.

"Most students have ignored our e-mails and letters," said a Student Business Services representative.

"This is a stressful time for students. I like to give them the raspberries."

Tony Schlemm
clerical assistant registration and records



Some students do not know what to register for because the outlines provided on the Internet are for incoming freshmen and do not apply to sophomores, juniors or seniors.

Other students completely forget their registration time. They may also be unaware that they have fees on their tuition bill.

Whatever the conflict with registration may be, students can rest assured that helpful staff members like Schlemm will be there to ease the process.

Don't be afraid to sit down and register. If anything is to be screwed up, Schlemm knows just how to fix it.

Campus offers convenient health care

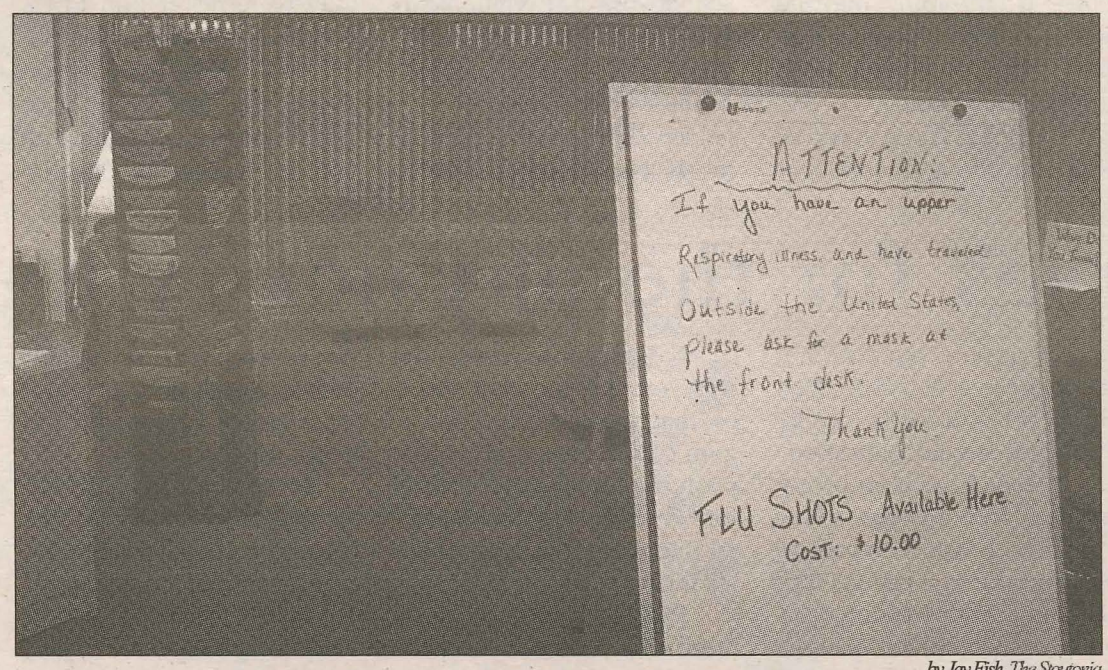
Lindsey Schuldt

Curled up in your comforter, the thermometer gives its final beep: 101 degrees. Your parents are over a hundred miles away, your roommate won't come near you and you know if you move your stomach will never forgive you. Without your family doctor anywhere near, one place to go is Student Health Services.

According to Janice Ramaeker, Director of Student Health Services for freshmen and many other ill students, Student Health Services can be like a home away from home.

"We're all moms here, and we know how we'd like our children to be treated while away at school and ill," said Ramaeker.

The employees who work in Student Health Services try to create a very calming and welcoming atmosphere for all of their patients and visitors within the office. They help treat them for stress from changes in lifestyle and help them adjust to college.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The Student Health Center was remodeled last summer to offer students a comfortable area to wait for their appointment. Information and promotions are posted around the room to educate the patrons.

"We are more than urgent care; we're college care," said Ramaeker,

While a single visit to the Red Cedar Clinic can cost patients $91, the Student Health Center only costs students $90 for the entire academic year, paid for through segregated fees.

"Students need to be seeing us," said Kathy Green, the triage nurse for the health center. "They already pay for our services in their segregated fees."

The Student Health Center can treat patients for any illness encountered and prescribe medicine for all diagnoses. From mono to meningitis, the flu to the common cold, the registered staff can help with all occurring problems.

The Student Health Center is a clinic, just like any other medical facility students would go to.

"Our physician is a board certified family practitioner who used to work at the Red Cedar Clinic," Ramaeker said. "People think student health centers are not the same quality [of hospitals and clinics]; years ago that may have been true, but things have changed."

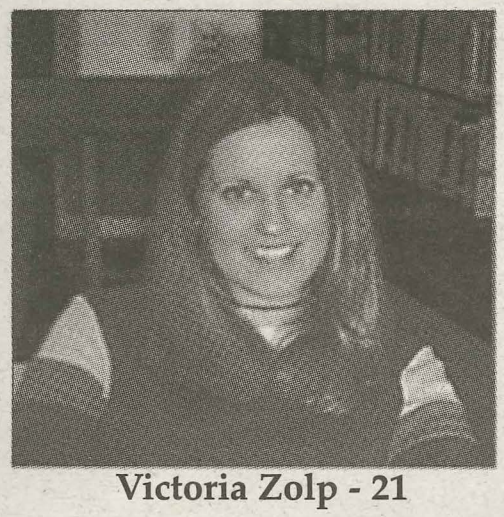
"Steven's Point has their health center on a floor in one of the [residence] halls," said Ramaeker.

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STOUT•WATCH



Victoria Zolp - 21
graphic design

Hometown: Plymouth, Wis.

What are your plans for the summer after you graduate?
I will backpack around Spain and Morocco.

What events would make a perfect day for you?
I would sleep in, buy a lottery ticket and win $1.7 billion dollars.

If you were a photographer, what subject would you take photos of?
I would take most of my photos of beaches and sunsets.

When you first meet a person, what strikes you first about that person?
I look at their hair and then their smile.

Describe your ideal date:
I would love to go to a Radiohead concert.

What is your least favorite thing about UW-Stout?
The parking police who give out a ridiculous amount of tickets.

How many shooting stars have you seen in your life?
I've seen so many that I should be an astronomer.

What is your favorite flavor of smoothie at the Pawn?
Raspberry Rhumba, I haven't tried all the flavors without yogurt because they are not as good.



John Kleven- 29
marketing education

Hometown: Eau Claire, Wis.

What are your plans for the summer after you graduate?
I will manage Swimrite Pools and Spas and visit Newfoundland for a holiday.

What events would make a perfect day for you?
Waking up on the grass in the mountains, eating cut throat trout for breakfast and spending the afternoon hiking up to the hidden spring fed lakes, seeing tons of grizzly bears that you can pet and don't eat people.

If you were a photographer, what subject would you take photos of?
I would take pictures of musicians for a totally rad new rock and roll magazine.

When you first meet a person, what strikes you first about that person?
First, I look at what they are doing with their hands.

Describe your ideal date:
She would have to walk to my house. I would make supper for her. The meal courses would consist of corn bread, corn on the cob, creamed corn, corn meal, corn muffins and corn flakes. Then we would watch "Children of the Corn", and then I would make her walk home in the corn field.

What is your least favorite thing about UW-Stout?
I don't like to read books.

Questions and photos compiled by Ann Syrstad, The Stoutonia

Stout Watch is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students. If you have question ideas for Stout Watch or want to see someone featured, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Faculty Slant



"The class where the students don't study."

Señora Hartung
Foreign Language
Department



"Anything to do with computer graphics with non computer graphic majors."

Michelle Barfoot
Art Department

What is the hardest class to teach?

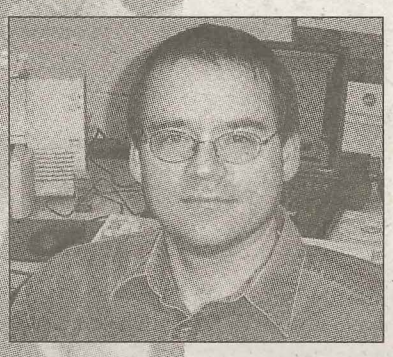


"BUACT-207"

Bill Murphy
Business Department

"Classical Mechanics"

Alan Scott
Physics Department



Next Week:

If you could be a body guard for any famous person who would it be?

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"If school is better than being out in the real world, then why do I want to be done?"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Reaching the home-stretch of any major can be daunting. You realize that the future career you have been planning since grade school is nearing, and your days of school are ending.

While I want to hurry up and finish school, I can't help but think about the luxuries school offers me.

When dealing with a real client, slacking in progress could cost you the account and damage to your professional reputation. Clients may want to see all of the progress up to the final presentation, so every step must be given equal effort.

Another benefit of school is the 24-hour network of friends. Whether on or off campus, the distance to friends' houses is short. Come graduation, the network established over the years may be sprawled across the country.

I can be unemployed and people will commend me for concentrating on school. After I graduate, any period of unemployment will reflect poorly on not only my resumé, but also on how people view my work ethic.

Project deadlines for classes are flexible, and instructors often lay out a progress timeline. This allows for an easy way to budget your time.

Professors work to prepare us for what the real world will be like, but I wonder if their methods are reaching students.

I cannot count how many times I have been told, "Just wait until you are out in the real world."

I am starting to resent those who say this clichéd line to me. I hear it normally when I complain about the work load from my classes. I hear this line from people who have forgotten that schoolwork can sometimes be more demanding than a 40-hour week job.

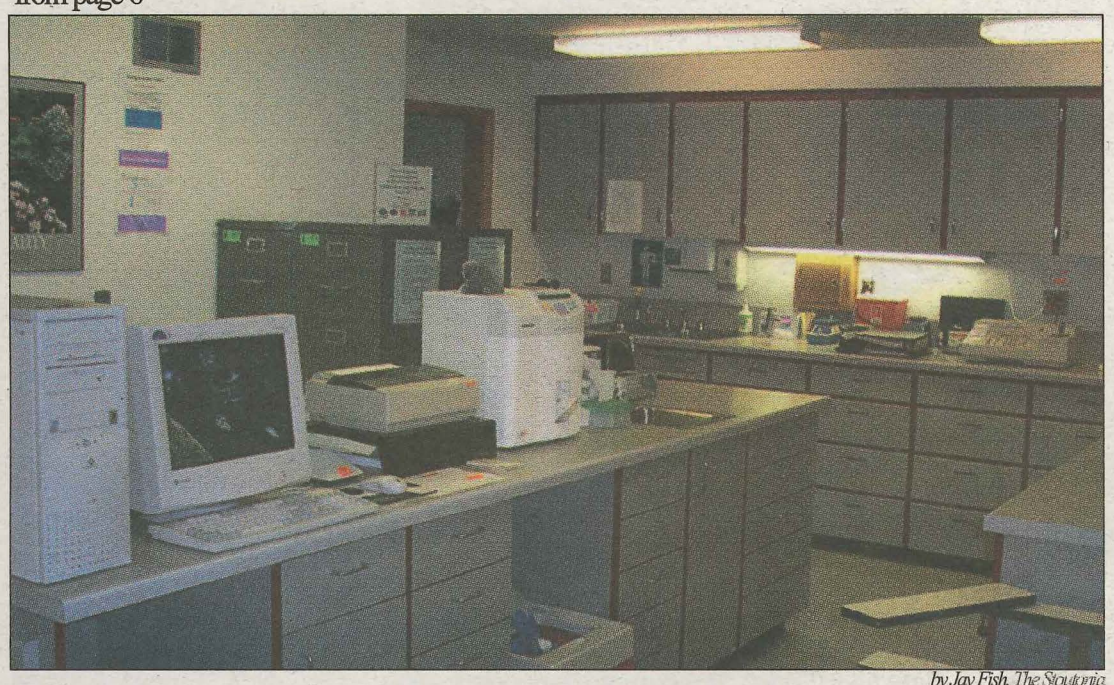
With the market at a low point, jobs can be hard to find. Things change by the moment, and it is scary not knowing what your future holds and how fast it can change.

I am looking forward to the walking down the aisle at my graduation with a hand on my diploma even though the real world looms ahead.

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Clinic / health questions can be answered on-campus

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by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The Student Health Center has a lab where they can run many tests. The tests their technicians cannot do will be sent to another clinic. A fee is added for tests that are sent out.

The inside of the health center looks no different than a regular clinic; the building the Student Health Center is in is now located where the Red Cedar Clinic used to be located. Each room was designed for a clinic setting. Plus, the remodeling from last summer adds appeal to the ordinary waiting room.

"They were really professional and extremely nice," said Katie Ohr, a sophomore in hospitality and tourism. "They get so busy [at times] though, so it would be nice if they had more physicians."

Other students appear to share Ohr's opinion.

"They were really nice," said Jeff Blackford, a sophomore in manufacturing engineer, "but once I had to wait over a half an hour even though I had scheduled an appointment."

Located on North Campus, right across the street from Wigen Hall, the Student Health Center is the place to go for any illness.

"There is no charge for any of our services," said Green. Student Heath Center services include examinations, lab work and even some immunization shots.

Prescription medication does cost extra, but it is minimal in comparison to what one would pay at a hospital. The Health Center offers some medication, but any others will need to be picked up at a local pharmacy.

"The average prescription is between $7 and $10," Green noted.

Most tests can be conducted within their laboratory. Some lab tests need to be sent to a different clinic due to lack of specific supplies. There is a small charge for tests that are sent out.

Privacy, as in any hospital, is also a must at the Student Health Center. There are no billing statements sent out to parents or students, and students will only recieve mailed items if they need to be contacted.

"Confidentiality is extremely important to us," Green said. "[Students] should feel very confident in using our services."

Although they can do almost anything within the center, there are some situations in which patients will be referred to a different clinic location.

Green noted that although they cannot take x-rays, it is still recomended to have a check up at the Student Health Center so a patient can know if there is need to get an x-ray for a serious injury.

Always open to new suggestions and ideas, the health center is slowly expanding its medical services to further serve patrons.

For students who need a break, the Student Health Center is now offering 50-minute massages at the price of $25. Gift certificates are available upon request.

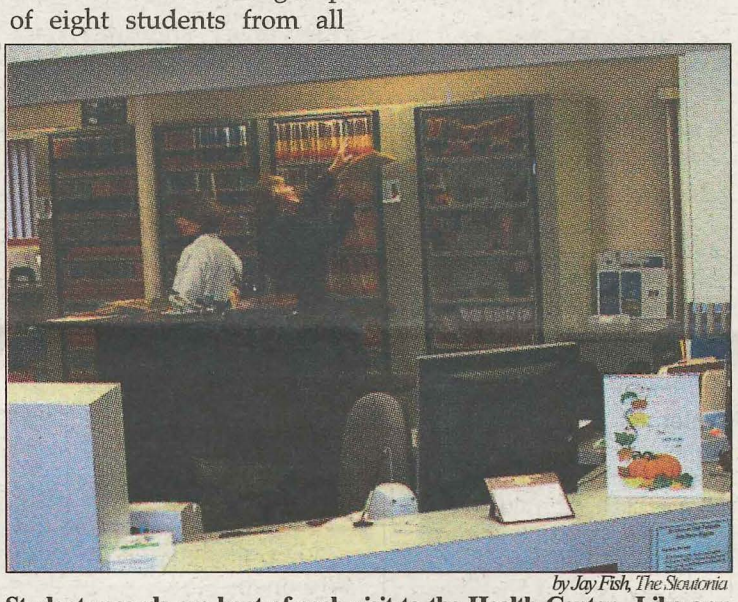
Another thing the Student Health Center does to be involved in the campus is a program called 'Peer Educators.' This is a group of eight students from all backgrounds interested in the benefits of living a healthy life.

Peer educators put on programs throughout campus and within the residence halls to spread the word of healthy living. Their latest program, presented in Flemming Hall last Tuesday, was called, 'Milk, Cookies, and Condoms.'

"We are here for the students, and we want them to utilize our services," said Ramaeker.

To make an appointment at the health care center, you can call 232-1314, or if you need to speak with a nurse you can call 232-1386.

For more information about services provided and programs available, refer to the website, http://www.uwstout/studenthealth.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Student records are kept of each visit to the Health Center. Like any other clinic, records are kept at easy access for the nurses and doctors.

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The 411

Nov. 6 to Nov. 13

Thursday, Nov. 6
>Annika Bentley Concert, indie-rock musican, 8 p.m., MSC Huff's, free
>The Laramie Project,play, 7:30 p.m., Harvey Hall Theatre, $10

Friday, Nov. 7
>The Laramie Project,play, 7:30 p.m., Harvey Hall Theatre, $10

Saturday, Nov. 8
>Football UW-Eau Claire v.s. UW-Stout, 1 p.m., Carson Park, Eau Claire
>Hockey Augsburg College v.s. UW-Stout, 7:30 p.m., Dunn County Ice Arena
>The Laramie Project,play, 7:30 p.m., Harvey Hall Theatre, $10

Sunday, Nov. 9
>The Laramie Project,play, 7:30 p.m., Harvey Hall Theatre, $10

Monday, Nov. 10
>Focus 2010 Session: What will Stout look like in 2010? 9 a.m., Price Commons Glass Lounge, open to everyone
>Concert Celebrating Veteran's Day, Menomonie Community Choir, 7:30 p.m., Menomonie Middle School, 920 21st St., $5 Adults, $1 Students, Veterans-free

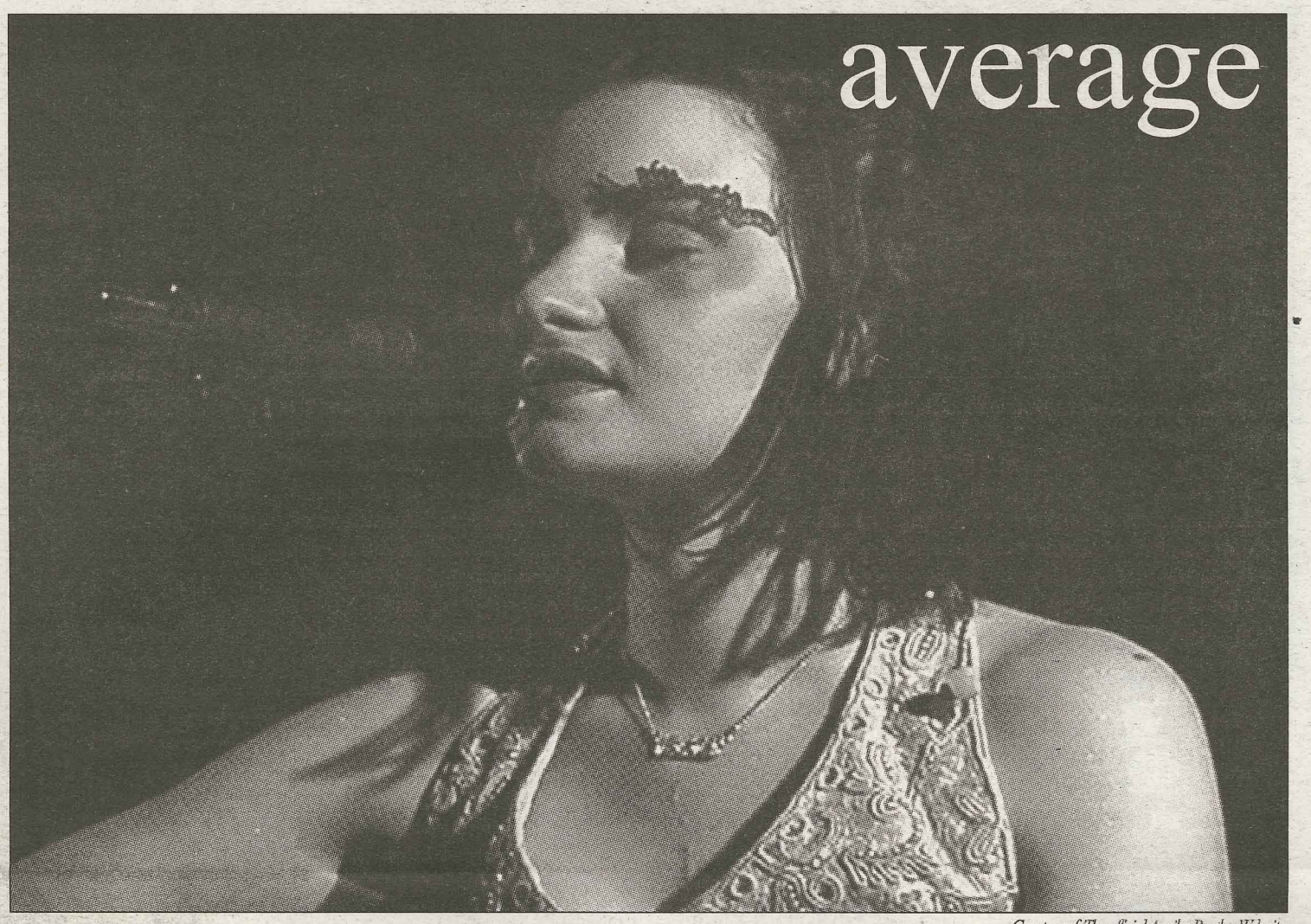
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Wednesday, Nov. 12
no events scheduled

Thursday, Nov. 13
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m., MSC Heritage Café, free

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Tim @ Stoutonia or solfestt@uwstout.edu

Indie-rock artist above average



Courtesy of The official Annika Bentley Web site

Annika Bentley, a four piece indie-rock group, returns to UW-Stout for its fourth performance on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. in Huff's. Indie-rock aims at producing music that is outside the mainstream. Bentley's unique sound comes from a cello, acoustic bass, piano and keyboard.

Eric Iverson

For all the University of Wisconsin-Stout students who say there is nothing to do around here, that excuse won't work this Thursday. Blue Devil Productions (BDP) is once again keeping Thursday nights busy with a performance from Annika Bentley.

Bentley, an independent artist in the indie-rock genre, is returning to UW-Stout for her fourth time. For those of you who are musically challenged, indie-rock is short for independent rock.

Indie-rock is not so much a genre but a philosophy of sounding different from mainstream music. Indie-rock can include anything from hip-hop, electronica, folk, alt-country, to jazz or blues.

"You don't come to Stout four times just for being average," said Darrin Witucki, BDP's advisor.

The music Bentley plays can be described as chamber rock, which involves classical structuring along with medieval tonality. Part of the way Bentley's foursome achieves this sound is through instruments like the cello, acoustic bass, piano and keyboard effects.

"Any time you have a rock band with a stand-up bass and cello, it's going to be rad," said Doug Stevens, an undecided sophomore. "I'm pumped to see the band because I have heard a lot about them."

After working on a new album this summer, Bentley is on a tour throughout the Midwest including shows in Wisconsin at various colleges, clubs, bars, festivals and benefits.

"Once you see the band play, you'll understand why BDP keeps bringing them back," said Kelly Ehley, a junior in technical communication. "They're that good."

Band members include Bentley on vocals, piano and guitar; Kathleen Fraser on acoustic bass and keyboard; Otto Hauser on drums and guitar; and Ian Downey on cello.

Some of Bentley's credits include National Association for College Activities (NACA) East Coast and Great Lakes Showcase Performer, international airplay and three independent albums as well as appearances on six compilations.

Bentley performs Thursday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. in Huff's in the Memorial Student Center. The show is free.

WHO: Annika Bentley
WHERE: Huff's, MSC
WHEN: Nov. 6 at 8 p.m.
COST: FREE

Caribou Coffee caters to caffeine fans



FEED YOUR BELLY
Paige Klein

Winter's chill is starting to settle in and you're probably going to need something to warm your bones. Well then, you should take a break in North Menomonie at the recently opened Caribou Coffee, near Applebee's.

Most of us would agree that caffeine has its place in the working class and student routine. So it is no surprise that there is another coffee place in Menomonie.

"It gets me to class in the morning," remarked Kevin Kauth, a graphics communication management senior. "Their coffee is [as] addicting as crack."

So what makes Caribou so unique to the Menomonie market?

As you walk in the door, you will be greeted with a cheery "Hello, how can we help you today?" Now you may be thinking that this should be normal, yet a cheerful and peppy greeting is not necessarily normal at 5:30 a.m. when Caribou opens.

"The staff is very friendly," said Jessica Johnholtz, a senior in human development and family studies. "And the iced mocha is great!"

Caribou serves more than coffee. They offer a variety of fresh baked daily items in addition to their caffeine oriented merchandise. The drink menu also extends beyond the coffee "flavors of the day" to passion green tea smoothies and an assortment of tea including the trendy chai tea.

Prices at Caribou are what you would expect from a specialty coffee establishment. Ranging from the

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Is there life after "Friends?"



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

As college students know, watching TV can be a total waste of time. So when students feel like wasting time, they should know just what to watch.

In the vast wasteland that is primetime, one can find oneself channel surfing in desperate hopes of finding a quality show after watching "Friends."

Here's a thought. Don't touch that dial! "Scrubs" is on after "Friends" and it is hilarious. When "Friends" is gone, this show could become the next big thing. Or it could just continue to be really funny and moderately popular.

It's not often that a show can take life and death issues, handle them well and make them funny week after week; but they do it in just a half-hour!

Another very funny show is "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge" or "MXC" on Spike TV. "MXC" is the funniest show you don't watch often enough. The voice-overs are second only to the king of the late night talk show, Conan O'Brien, when he pretends he is Governor Arnold.

Another great talk show that is always good for a laugh is "The Daily Show with John Stewart." Watching this show can actually make you smarter while you laugh; if only the same could be said about "The Simpsons."

Ah yes, "The Simpsons;" no college career is complete without an unexplainable addiction to them.

Then there is "Family Guy," another great, animated show that got axed before it found its audience. Luckily Cartoon Network is showing reruns, and there is even some talk about a movie in the not too distant future.

"CSI" continues to be the best show on TV that involves science. Sorry Bill Nye fans. If you are going to watch "CSI" please do not be suckered into the spin off idea. "CSI: Miami" has an Irish man named Horatio as the lead. That's just about as believable as "CSI: Menomonie."

"Looks like we got another underage drinker. How do I know? Because the breathalyzer never lies!"

Looking for the best hour of action on TV? Then you are a moron because "24" has been on for two years, and you still don't know about it.



Courtesy of www.popmatters.com, www.tv-a.com, www.algonet.se, w3.trib.com

Primetime television is filled with some of the best action and comedy shows. Four of the most popular programs for college students are (top left, clockwise) "Scrubs," "24," "The Simpsons" and "CSI."

In the show, which plays out in real-time, Kiefer Sutherland plays federal agent Jack Bauer. This guy tends to have really lousy, but exciting days. Still not convinced? Elisha Cuthbert plays Bauer's daughter Kim.

Another great action show is "Stargate SG-1." They must be doing something right; the show is the longest running science fiction show ever in its seventh season; the cast is signed to do an eighth, and they are talking about a ninth. Popular because it combines a sense of humor with an adventure theme, the show can be seen on the SciFi channel.

Another science fiction show I feel the need to mention is "Star Trek: Enterprise." This show sucks. If you're watching "Star Trek: Enterprise" and someone asks you what you're watching, the only appropriate response is "nothing."

Don't feel like doing your homework tonight? Just watch "The West Wing." This show is such a smart program that sometimes I think I could just watch it and get a degree of some kind.

Finally, I'd be crazy not to mention "Trading Spaces." Who doesn't enjoy the idea of handing over the inside of your house to be remodeled by a TV show on a limited budget and time frame?

Coffee / drive-thru offers tasty teas and coffees to go

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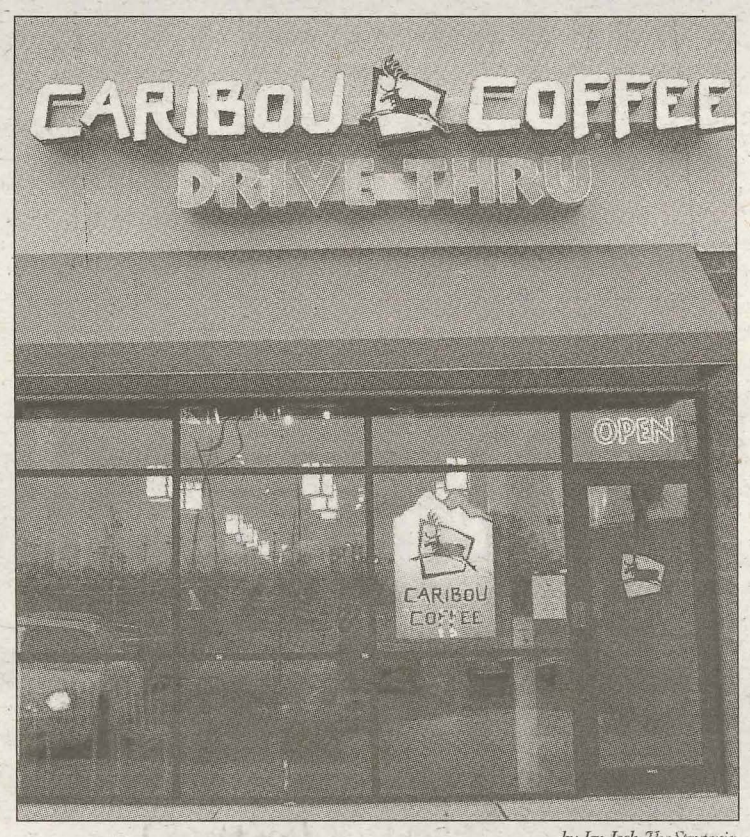
$1.50 cup of gourmet blend coffee to the $4 large distinctive coffees, like "Mint Condition," buying a Caribou cup of coffee could be within your budget.

Bakery items vary from the $0.75 cookies to the $2 scones and muffins. You can also buy coffee beans and Caribou covered merchandise. You could even be enrolled in the coffee of the month club through Caribou's Coffee Tours and Club.

"Coffee shop with a drive-thru; ingenious," said Aaron Sorenson, a senior in business administration.

The drive-thru concept paired with the regular walk-in store is undoubtedly unique to the Menomonie coffee scene.

Since most of you would be driving to Caribou anyway, it makes sense that if all you need is a to-go order, don't even bother getting out of the car. Within minutes of placing your order and pulling ahead to the window, you get the order and are on your way to another destination.



by Jen Jech, The Stoutonia

The recently opened Caribou Coffee, located at 2321 Highway 25 North in the Red Cedar Plaza, has friendly, speedy service and offers a drive-thru.

The atmosphere inside is conducive to several activities. It is quiet for studying and intimate enough for a couple or small group to sit talking for a several hours. The music is mellow and the fireplace lends to its Alaskan-themed décor.

Since Caribou has recently opened, it would be shocking for the facility not to be clean.



Not everyone has had the same experience at Caribou. It is a fairly new location, so there is not necessarily the same extensive training or experience for all staff members in serving or making the specialty coffees that Caribou offers.



"Low grade service is what I found," said Andrew Garbers, a senior in business administration. "The employees served me a cold drink. Yeah, they fixed the drink but it took three times as long. [That was] 10 minutes of my time that I didn't have to waste. I probably will never go back."

My opinion: I really went to redeem the free drink coupon I received in the mail. The fact that I enjoyed my experience thoroughly despite not being a morning person, makes a big impression on me. It was the combination of service, atmosphere and product taste that won me over. However, the lack of transportation puts a damper on making another trip there anytime soon.

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P.O.D. matures with new album



ALBUM REVIEW
Jaime VandenHoogen

After *Youth of the Nation* came out and blew us all away, there was no denying that P.O.D.'s next album had to be something spectacular. Well, the band has once again offered their fans an incredible album.

P.O.D. followed its album *Satellite* with *Payable on Death*, which was released Nov. 4, 2003. It includes the group's latest hit single "Will You," which debuted at number one on MTV's "TRL."

P.O.D. has always had influential and heartfelt lyrics, but this time it has painted pictures so meaningful that it is impossible not to feel inspired and motivated.

Take the opening lyrics of the song "Revolution" for an example of the powerful lyrics.

"More than a heartbeat that flatlines. Quiet like a dark street under the moonlight. A phrase of action that's been screamed from the guts of men. Ever since they first experienced injustice, prejudice, discrimination."

With these few lines a listener knows that this song is not a simple broken-hearted, she left me for my best friend, type of song. It is a song is about the mistreatment that people face. It also poses the question, "Is a revolution the only way to solve these problems?"

After feeling very motivated, I listened to "Find My Way." I categorize this as a love song as well, but again, it is not your typical love song. This song was an "I love you, but I understand that you have to leave" type of song. It gives the listener a sense of maturity rather than most love songs where they chant about their heart being ripped out and handed to them.



Courtesy of The official P.O.D. Web site

P.O.D.'s newest album release, *Payable on Death*, contains meaningful and inspirational lyrics. The song "Will You" debuted at number one on "TRL."

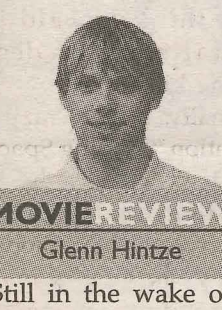
These are just some of the lyrics from "Find My Way" that give the listener the feeling of maturity from this group.

"See through my eyes and you will know. I'll take my chance that you will come home to me. Even if it takes some time for you to work it out. I'll be there."

I found all twelve songs on this CD to be moving and meaningful. It was great to see that a band can still find important issues to sing about and doesn't have to resort to chanting meaningless garbage over and over again.

I highly recommend this CD and band. So, go and buy its latest, and if you're new to the P.O.D. fan-base, my advice to you would be to grab a copy of *Satellite* as well.

"Brother Bear" brings spirit, tradition to screen



MOVIE REVIEW
Glenn Hintze

Still in the wake of the monumental success of "Finding Nemo," Disney's follow up film is much more understated but still a very poignant tale.

"Brother Bear" takes us back thousands of years, far before the colonization of America. Native Americans held the belief that each individual of the tribe had their own animal spirit. Three young brothers have their kindred animal spirits: Sitka's an eagle, Denahi a wolf and the youngest, Kenai, a bear.

The problem is that Kenai hates bears. He goes after one that has tried to steal his freshly caught fish, but gets in a little over his head, and Sitka comes to help. Sitka saves Kenai, but cannot save himself. Kenai swears vengeance on the bear that took his brother's life.

Kenai's fate is changed, however, when he transforms into the bear he is hunting and a young cub named Coda begins to teach him the life of a bear.

Comedy is provided throughout the movie by the two Canadian moose that make liberal, commercial appearances. The northwoods accent is especially humorous for those of us who know people who talk with the accent and live in Wisconsin, eh?

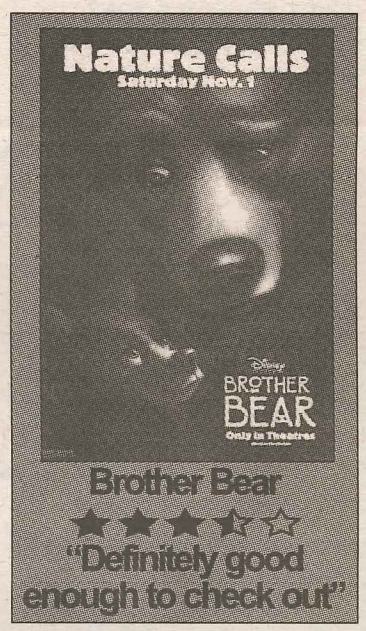
"Brother Bear" is more spirit and less adventure than most Disney movies.

> "Its message brings us back to a simpler time when man and nature coexisted peacefully."

Unlike recent classics such as "Finding Nemo" and the "Toy Story" movies, they go back to traditional animation. Brilliant palates of bright and inviting colors abound in the film, and gorgeous sequences bring ancient cave drawings to life.

The trend, unfortunately, seems to be leaning towards the 3D animated films like "Nemo." Though visually stunning, traditional animation leaves more versatility and artistic creativity. The gorgeous colors and surreal backdrops enhance the spirituality of "Brother Bear."

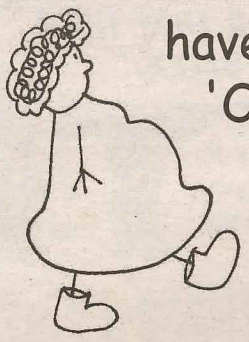
Disney films are usually geared towards children but have always kept adult audiences captivated. "Brother Bear" is no exception. Its message brings us back to a simpler time when man and nature coexisted peacefully. It may not be enough to change the world, but it is enough to make you stop and think.



"Brother Bear" will not eclipse the nearly $340 million "Finding Nemo" made, but it's definitely good enough to check out.

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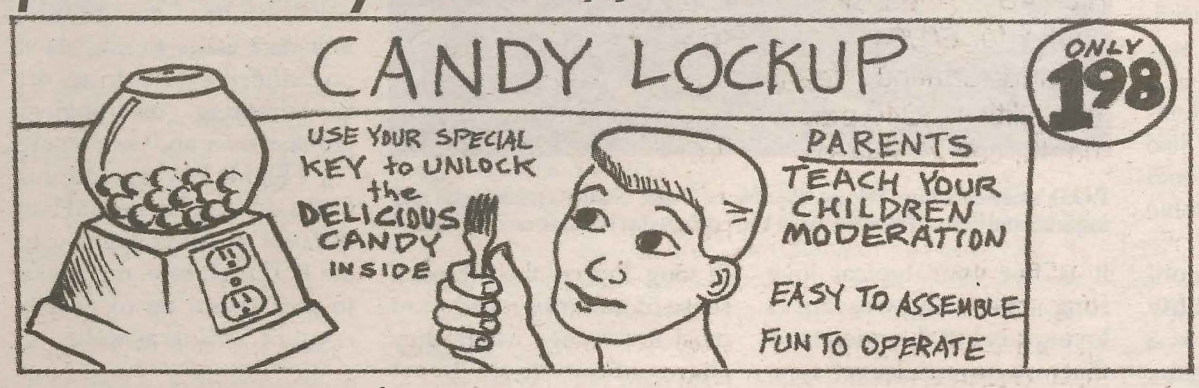
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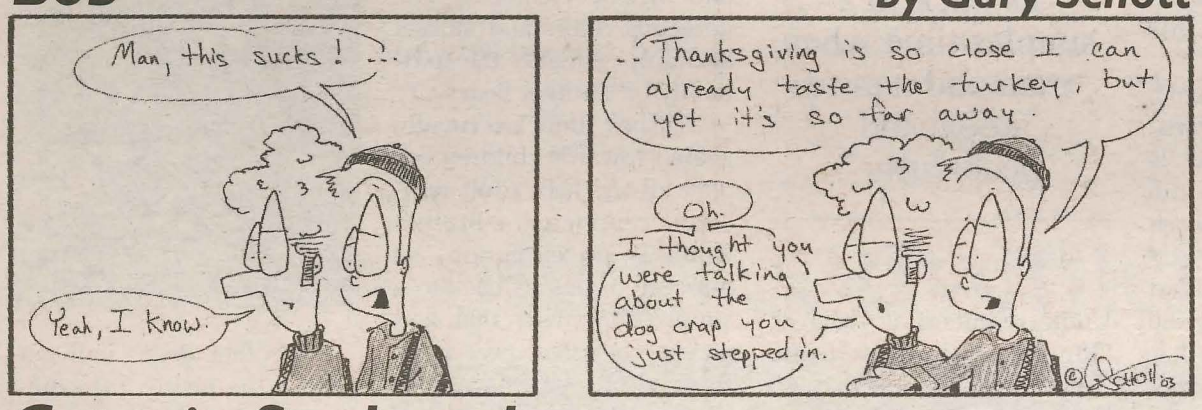
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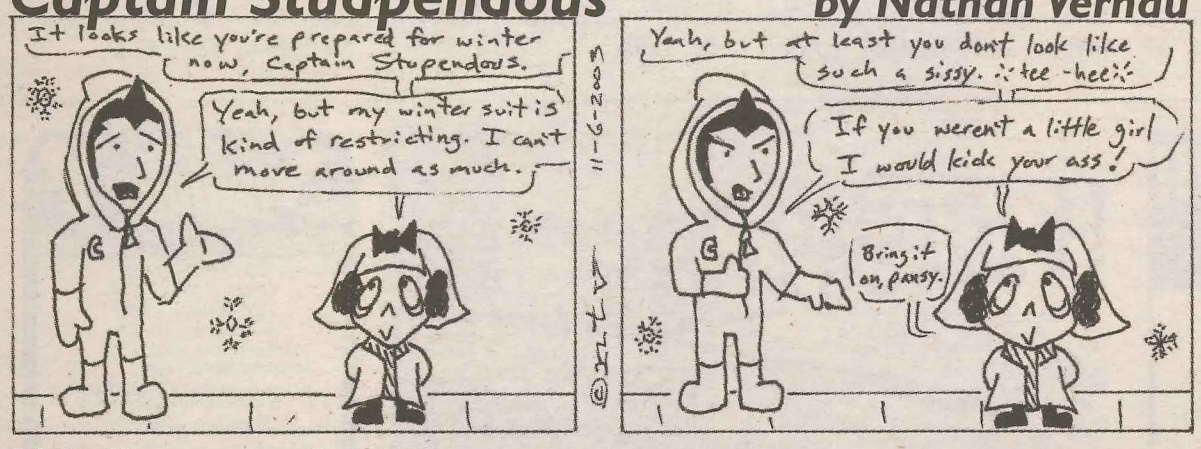
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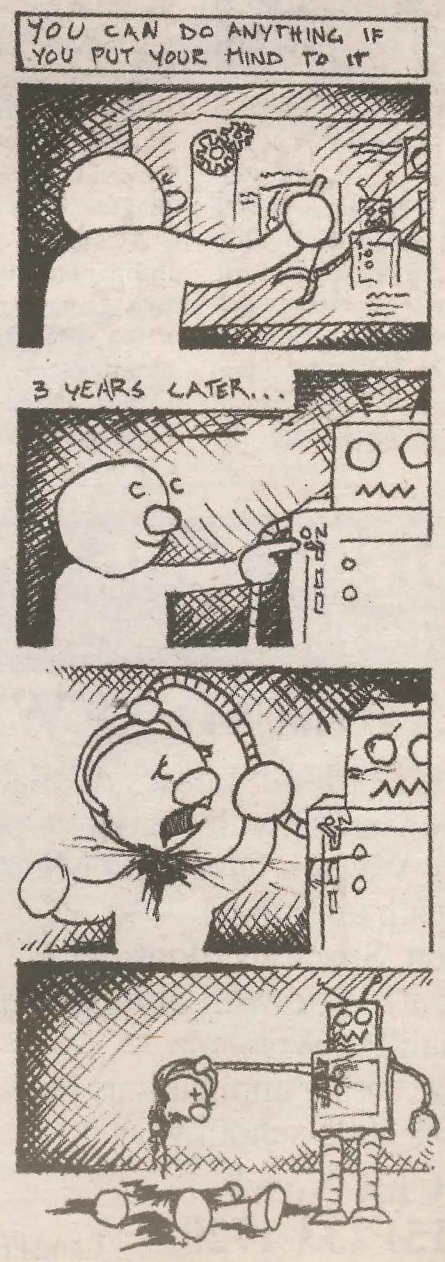
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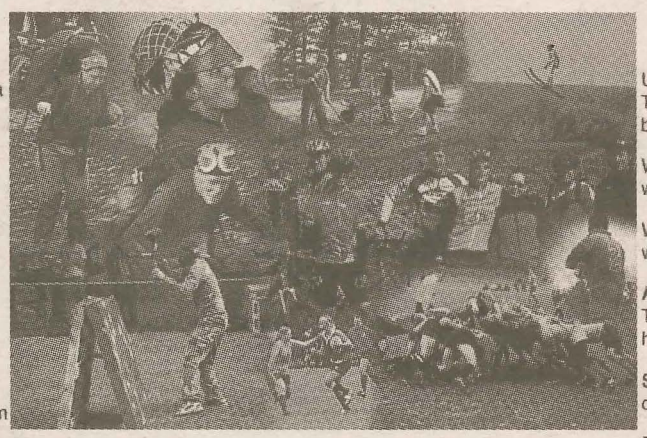
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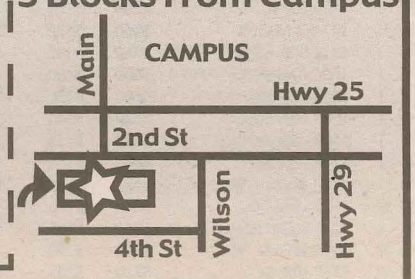
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2.) Prices are based on rent being paid when due.
3.) All Util. Inc. prices are based on a utility budget.
4.) "Per Person" prices are based on group lease with one person per bedroom
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Type Code: SR=sleeping room: H=house: D=duplex: a number shows how many units in building larger than a duplex

			Rent Only		With Util			
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Br	Ba	Address	Unit	Person	Unit	Person	Property Notes	Type
1		147 1/2 Main St #3	$190	190	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #4	$190	190	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 _ Main St. #5	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Util inc/Bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$170	$170	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 _ Main St. #7	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Util Inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 _ Main St. #9	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Util Inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1	1	802 6th Av #2	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All Util included,great location	6
1	1	802 6th Ave #3	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	6
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #1	$500	$500	n/a	n/a	All Utill Included, great location OK for 2 people	8
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #2	$360	$360	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #3	$400	$400	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	702 - 4th St.	$263	$263	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	400 _ MAIN St. #1	$270	$270	n/a	n/a	WSG+HotWater Inc. Storage, location,n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #2	$300	$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	1222 6th Ave	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Cozy,studio,all util except elec,	8
1	1	611 13th St E	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #5	$335	$335	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	1221 7th St.	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water Excellent Location	4
1	1	113 _ MAIN St. #1	$330	$330	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash inc/location/n/p	9
1	1	113 _ MAIN St. #2	$330	$330	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash Inc/location/n/p/	9
1	1	400 _ MAIN St. #4	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	803 Wilson Av #5	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Include Utilities	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #4	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #6	$360	$360	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities/Location Parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus, parking	8
1	1	1520 7th St.	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Close to Campus, Parking/Washer&Dryer	D
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
1	1	803 Wilson Av #8	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Avail 9/1 Close to campus/util included	8
1	1	113 _ Main St #5	$290	$290	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG & Trash Downtown Location/n/p	6
1	1	113 _ Main St. #6	$295	$295	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG & Trash Downtown location/n/p	6
1	1	119 W Main St. #1	$300	$300	$370	$370	Close To campus and downtown	3
1	1	630 _ s. Broadway #8	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Downtown location/WSG Incl.n/p	9
1	1	421 Wilson Ave #4	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water, parking	6
1	1	333 _ Main St. #1	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Downtown Location	O
1	1	333 _ Main St. #2	$400	$400	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Downtown Location	O
1	1	115 1/2 W. Main	$320	$320	$370	$370	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	113 W. Main	$350	$175	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	421 Wilson Ave #1	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	421 Wilson Ave#2	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	421 Wilson Ave #6	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 Parking spaces	6
2	1	203 _ 13TH Ave. W	$390	$195	$450	$225	Huge Bedrooms, super location	D
2	1	1415 4th St. W	$410	$205	$500	$250	Gas Heat/ Garage/great location	D
2	1	619 _ 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG,HotWater, Excellent Location	4
2	1	421 13th Ave W	$450	$225	$570	$285	Gas Heat Hardwood floors	D
2	1	113 _ Main St. #3	$470	$235	n/a	n/a	Inc WSG,Trash,n/p Downtown Location	9
2	1	113 _ Main St. #4	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc WSG,Trash,n/p Downtown location	9
2	1	619 13th Ave	$470	$235	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
2	1	1803 _ 7th St.	$450	$225	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
2	1	1506 6th St.	$420	$210	$500	$250	Huge Bedrooms, enclosed front porch,	D
2	1	1506 _ 6th St.	$330	$165	$400	$200	Enclosed Front Porch/Great Location	D
2	1	115 W Main St.	$400	$200	$485	$243	Parking,downtown location	3
2	1	119 Main St. #2 W	$380	$190	$430	$215	Close to campus and downtown, parking	3
2	1	915 _ Main St.	$380	$190	$455	$228	Nice Duplex with parking	D
2	1	921 Main St. #2	$420	$210	$520	$260	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	921 Main St. #4	$410	$205	$510	$255	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$405	$405	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
2	1	1721 1/2 7th Street	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc Utilities/good location/washer/dryer	D
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$500	$250	$620	$310	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	605 13th St.E #4	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
2	1	607 13th St #5	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/ st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
2	1	147 _ Main St. C	$650	$325	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/n/p	O
2	1	802 6th Ave. #5	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/parking	6
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	All Utilities included Great Location Parking	6
2	1	1310 _ Main St.	$550	$275	N/A	N/A	Very Nice Upper Apt/Large	D
2	1	1502 10th St.	$525	$263	$650	$325	House,Garage, Washer Dryer Hook ups	H
2	1	1721 7th Street	$600	$300	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	119 W. Main #3	$525	$175	$625	$208	Close to campus and downtown	3
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$600	$200	$750	$250	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	802 6th Ave #4	$675	$225	N/A	N/A	Parking, Util inc, great location	6
3	1	921 Main St #3	$600	$200	$720	$240	parking and convient location	4
3	1	414 - 12th Ave W.	$615	$205	$750	$250	Very large/Garage/Storage/LOCATION	D
3	1	1415 1/2 4th St.W	$620	$207	$740	$247	Gas heat/Garage MODERN, w/d hook-ups	D
3	1	203 13th Ave. W.	$750	$250	$850	$284	Great location,parking, large rooms	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave.	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Very nice, Close to campus	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$960	$320	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$560	$140	$680	$170	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1606 10th St.	$600	$150	$780	$195	House behind Lammers,w/d hook up	H
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$600	$150	$750	$188	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1508 10th Street	$620	$155	$770	$193	Close to Lammers / Large Rooms	H
4	1	1809 - 6th St.	$620	$155	$780	$195	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Garage	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	321 13th Ave. W.	$620	$155	$740	$185	Super Location / HOUSE/WASHER/DRYER	H
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$640	$160	$800	$200	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$940	$235	$1140	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H

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4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1.5	121 1/2 12th Ave.W.	$900	$225	$1000	$250	Large apartment, super location	D
4	2	1721 7th St.	$1120	$280	n/a	n/a	Includes Util. WASHER/DRYER, Parking	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #2	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #3	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
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4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #7	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #8	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	2	1620 - 6th St.	$980	$245	$1130	$283	Great House/WASH/DRYER hook-up/gas heat	H
4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	1+	1515 6th Street	$980	$245	$1100	$275	Spacious, close to campus,washer/dryer	H
4	2	1301 9th Street	$1020	$255	$1200	$300	Beautiful house/garage/Location/WASH.DRYER	H
4	2	1415 8th Street	$1000	$250	$1150	$288	Upgraded recently,great location,parking,W/D	D
4	2	332 1/2 Main St.	$1040	$260	$1170	$293	Huge, W/D, deck, the best 4 br dntwn/parking	H
4	2	1317 8th Street	$1040	$260	$1180	$295	Washer/Dryer, Deck, good location	H
4	2	1021 8th St	$1100	$275	$1275	$319	Beautiful house with decks/close to campus	H
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1420	$355	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	2	1702 6th St	$1,110	$278	$1300	$325	Large House close to campus/washer/dryer	H
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	1600 10th St.	$1000	$250	$1175	$294	Great House, Washer/Dryer Hook-ups	
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2.5	902 Main St.	$1125	$225	$1325	$265	Great Location, Large Rooms,WASHER/DRYER	H
5	2	1403 - 6th St.	$900	$180	$1100	$220	good location/ lots of parking	H
5	2	516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	1	1115 6th St.	$1000	$200	$1150	$230	WASHER/DRYER/ right on campus	H
5	2	512 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1,050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	2	1220 7th Street	$1000	$200	$1150	$230	1 Block from Campus/washer/dryer/house	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	1	914 6th Ave.	$1025	$205	n/a	n/a	great house, Parking	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	1803 7th St	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	Washer/Dryer/parking/good location	D
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1050	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
5	2	1521 8th St.	$1,075	$215	$1250	$250	House / Large Rooms / good location	H
5	2	121 W 13th Ave.	$1175	$235	$1350	$270	Excellent location and condition, Washer/Dryer	D
5	2	607 13th Ave.	$1,150	$230	$1325	$265	Excellent/huge rooms/location/parking	H
5	2	2006 5th St. #C	$1,275	$255	$1450	$290	New /Washer-Dryer, Lg Rooms	3
5	2	2006 5th St. #B	$1,275	$255	$1450	$290	New /Washer-Dryer, Lg Rooms	3
5	2	1708 6th St A	$1,325	$265	$1475	$295	New/great location with parking/washer/dryer	D
5	2	321 14th Av W	$1,250	$250	$1420	$284	Close to campus,w/d,great house	H
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2	504 10th St.	$900	$150	$1100	$184	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/large rooms	H
6	2.5	1502 - 7th St.	$840	$140	$1,050	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/new siding	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1714 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	Very large, deck, prIvate, high eff gas heat	H
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	513 9th Ave.	$1330	$222	$1530	$255	Across from HOME EC / LARGE	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2+	1415 1/2 8th Street	$1560	$260	$1750	$292	Fabulous, WASHER/DRYER, Parking	D
6	2	115 17th Av W	$1260	$210	$1430	$239	House,Location,w/d	D
6	2+	121 1/2 W 13th Ave.	$1650	$275	$1800	$300	Super Location, Washer/Dryer	D
6	2	205 W17th Ave B	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	205 W17th Ave C	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	602 1/2 12th Ave.	$1620	$270	$1840	$307	new, large bedrooms, next to campus,Wash/Dry	D
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	
7	2	220 - 12th Ave. W.	$1400	$200	$1,625	$233	Location / WASHER/DRYER/ large yard	H
7	2	1321 2nd St. W.	$1575	$225	$1775	$254	Large / 2 living rooms / location	H
8	3	1421 S. Broadway	$1,840	$230	$2050	$257	One of the best larger houses,WASHER/DRYER	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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7	3	1803 7th St.	$1,500	$215	$1,735	$248	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2	1208 8th St.	$1,200	$150	$1,440	$180	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2+	121 12th Ave W.	$1,680	$210	$1,620	$240	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
9	2	1120 15th Ave	$1,440	$161	$1,730	$199	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
12	4	114 (A & B) 17th Ave	$2,100	$175	$2,330	$210	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE

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Reviewing the week in sports

Rebecca Werner

Volleyball

At the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) volleyball tournament on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the Williams Center in Whitewater, the University of Wisconsin-Stout walked out defeated.

UW-Stout won its first game 25-20 only to see the defending national champion Warhawks win 30-28. The Warhawks took the final two games, 30-23, 30-21, to advance to the semi-final round this weekend at UW-River Falls.

The Blue Devils (22-13) had no players in double digit kills as they tallied only half as many kills as the Warhawks (26-8).

Whitewater put down 60 kills to UW-Stout's 30. They hit at a .124 pace, while Whitewater hit at .213.

Football

On Saturday, Nov. 1, UW-Stout competed against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on their turf and was defeated 47-33.

This defeat does not signify a lack of success; during the battle for the 80 points that were scored, more than 1,100 total yards and 50 first downs, a new conference individual rushing record, and some broken school records were made on both sides.

Nick Ohman was 21-of-34 for 383 yards had two touchdowns and no interceptions. UW-La Crosse's Steve Tennies was 12-of-25 for 241 yards, two touchdowns, and two interceptions, one going to Jordan Sinz.

UW-Stout had six players haul in passes, while the Eagles had seven who caught a pass. Bundgaard was held to 61 yards on 23 carries. UW-Stout will be at UW-Eau Claire, Saturday, Nov. 8.

Hockey

The Hockey team showed its will by scoring three goals in the second period for a 4-3 comeback win over Marian College, Saturday, Nov. 1 in Fond du Lac, Wis.

Josh Blair scored 51 seconds into the second period, getting assists from Mitch Kellin and Rob Olszewski on the power play goal.

UW-Stout will be playing at Concordia-Moorhead, Friday, Nov. 7 and will host Augsburg College, Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dunn County Ice Arena.

Cross Country

The men's cross country team earned sixth place in the conference meet with a total of 169 points. The meet was held at their home course in Colfax, Wis.

They improved one place from last year. The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh won the meet with 29 points.

Senior captain, Dave Huber, placed tenth, making second team all conference. Huber ran the 8K (five mile) race in 25 minutes and 20 seconds the tenth best time in UW-Stout's history.

The women's team placed fifth with 154 points moving up two places from last year.

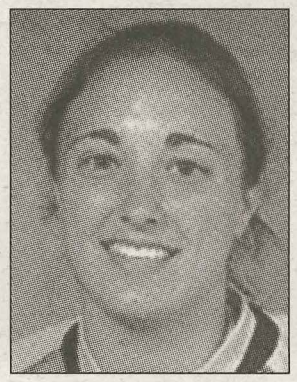
The women's senior captain, Tracy Oostdyk, placed tenth, making her second team all conference with a time of 22 minutes and 50 seconds.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point won the meet with 26 points.

Soccer

The Blue Devil soccer team clinched their last game 1-0 over Nebraska Wesleyan on Nov. 4. Melissa Ballweg made two key saves in the closing minutes for the Blue Devils to win their 12th game of the season.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Melissa Ballweg

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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *The Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

Blue Devil goalkeeper, Melissa Ballweg, led the University of Wisconsin-Stout to the 10th shutout of the season and was named WIAC player of the week in soccer.

Ballweg made two spectacular saves in the closing minutes of the game to seal a 1-0 victory against Nebraska Wesleyan. She recorded six saves overall in the game and made a key stop against the Prairie Wolve's leading scorer.

Having controlled the field for most of the game, the Blue Devils out shot the Prarie Wolves (26-12). The shutout in the soccer team's final game helped the Blue Devils earn a new season record of 12 wins.

SCOREBOARD

Football:	Volleyball:	Soccer:	Hockey:
UW-Stout vs. UW-LaCrosse	UW-Stout vs. UW-Whitewater	UW-Stout vs. Nebraska Wesleyan	UW-Stout vs. Marian College
33-47	1-3 games	1-0	4-3

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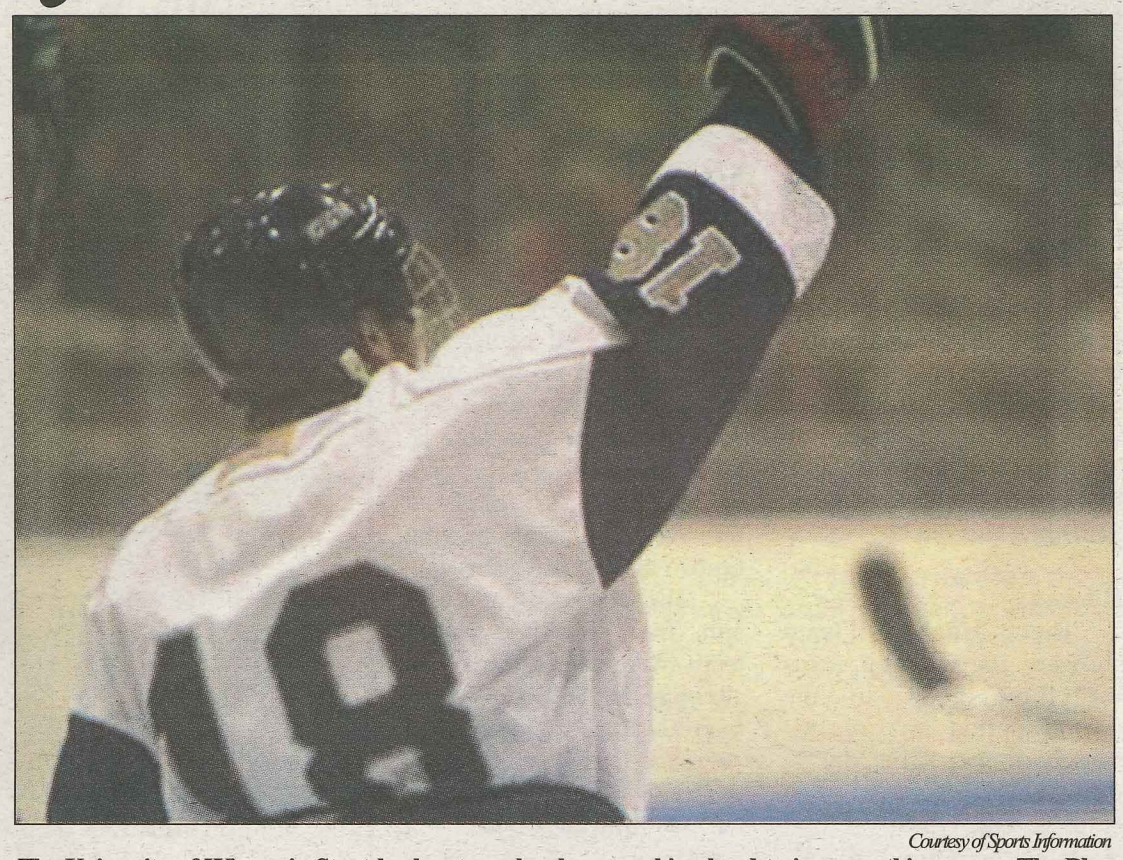
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Hockey team skates to victory

Wesley Simonis



Courtesy of Sports Information

The University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team has been working hard to improve this season. The Blue Devils hope to increase their scoring and strengthen the defense with the addition of this year's new talent.

Even before the snowflakes began flying through the air, the University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team has been at work preparing for the upcoming season.

The Blue Devils showed their skill on the ice by winning the first two games of the season without playing on their home surface.

"We are really pleased with the defense and goaltending," said head coach Terry Watkins. "We are definitely better."

This year marks Watkins' eighth year as head varsity coach for the Blue Devils, but it's his 16 year of being involved with UW-Stout hockey; his involvement extends back to almost the beginning of Blue Devil hockey.

With a fresh squad of players, UW-Stout pulled in its first shutout on Oct. 31 against Lawrence University. It was the first since the 2001 season.

The team was hoping the new defense would hold strong in its first game. By capping a shutout, it may have been hard to play any better.

The Blue Devils then showed the will to win in their second game of the season by coming back from a 3-1 deficit against Marian College on Nov. 1.

After giving up a goal only 35 seconds into the game, the Blue Devils answered in less than two minutes to tie the game.

UW-Stout allowed two more goals in the first period, and had their work cut out for them with two periods remaining.

Period two was in complete control of the Blue Devils who had three unanswered goals by different players including a goal by freshman hotel and restaurant managment major Rob Olszewski.

"It felt good to score my first college goal," said Olszewski. "It was fun to just be out there skating with the team."

Getting more points on the board is one thing that Olszewski hopes to help the Blue Devils with this season.

Olszewski, who was one of the leading scorers in Wisconsin high schools last year, is not the only young talent the new Blue Devils squad has to offer.

Almost half of the roster this year consists of first year players.

Freshman foreward Matt Mlynarczyk led his Minnesota junior league in scoring and freshman Andy Weisner a forward who, also brings a defensive presence.

Along with new talent, the hockey team still has veteran talents with high potential to win.

Leading scorer, Justin Huth, will be an offensive leader for the team this year. Huth scored a team high of nine goals and had six assists.

Seniors Mitch Kellin and Lewie Kellin are expected to be a part of the offensive charge. Seniors Dan Riffe and Derek Nichols along with sophomore Mike Elm are expected to bring energy to the offensive mix this season as well.

The Blue Devils will look to fill some gaps defensively. The defense will be led by senior Bryan Cummings, sophomore Josh Blair and junior Kevin McLaughlin, as well as fourth year returning goalie Jeff Dotson.

Cummings and Dotson both recieved honorable mention all-WIAC for their efforts last season.

"I expect a lot out of these guys," said Watkins. "We expect them to have good seasons."

The combination of young and veteran talent will provide help for Dotson in the goal, and with the solid group of underclassmen, the Blue Devils may get the scoring they need this year.

Overall, the UW-Stout hockey team is looking to improve on its record from last year. The Blue Devils finished the season with a 6-21 record with only two conference victories.

The Blue Devil hockey team plays home games at the Dunn County Ice Arena.

Packers come away with win in dome



With the Wisconsin cheese heads traveling to the Metrodome to take on the Minnesota Vikings purple pride, the cheese grater was set aside this past Sunday.

The Green Bay Packers headed into Minnesota to face their archrival, the Minnesota Vikings, who are atop the NFC north division at (6-1).

Needless to say, the running attack of Green Bay's Ahman Green, Najeh Davenport and Tony Fisher, along with a solid performance by Brett Favre, led the Packers to a 30-27 victory.

"If you're going to play, you have to suck it up," said Favre on ESPN, who played the entire game with a broken right thumb.

Farve improved his career record at the Viking's home to a dismal 3-9 after resting his injured thumb during the Packer's bye week.

Green led the backfield with 21 carries for 137 yards. The rest of the Packers runningbacks combined for 124 total rushing yards.

Other high points for the Packers was this season's emergence of wide-reciever Javon Walker.

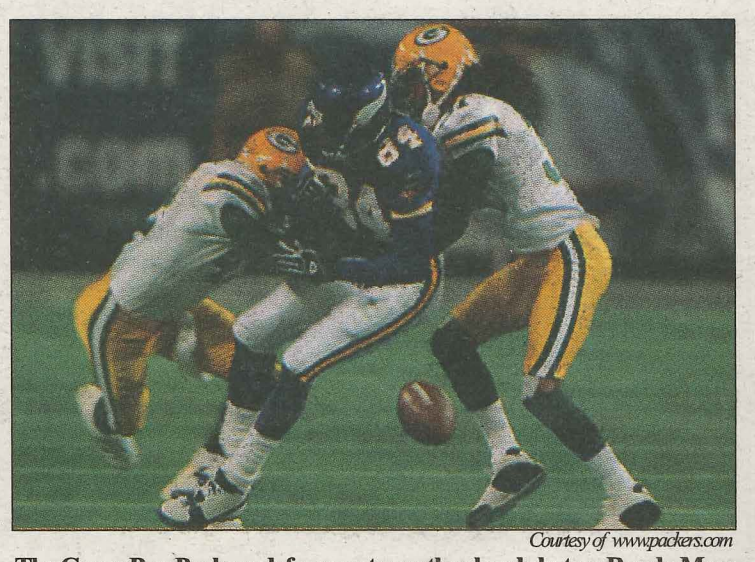
Walker had three catches Sunday and two went for touchdowns. It was Walker who allowed Favre to get back on the right track for this season and to make a run at the playoffs.

With the win this past Sunday, the Packers and Vikings are tied with 3-1 NFC Division records, which works in favor of the Packers because the Viking's margin has narrowed significantly.

The Vikings hold only a two game lead on the Packers in the division.

Another positive aspect for Packer fans is that the Viking's last three games were at home, and they lost two of three, which in turn means there is some reason for concern that the Vikings can't close out weaker teams at home.

The Packers keep running on all cylinders, and thus, the Vikings may be looking at another NFC division title in Green Bay next time they head to Lambeau Field.



Courtesy of www.packers.com

The Green Bay Packers defense puts another hard shot on Randy Moss in the Sunday night game at the Metrodome. The Packers won 30-27.

Favre got closer to another milestone against the Vikings this past Sunday, winning his 119th career game and tying Johnny Unitas for fourth all time on the NFL's all time victory list.

Favre also started his 181st consecutive game, adding to his own record.

Next week, the Vikings will travel to San Diego and take on the (1-7) Chargers Sunday. It's the Vikings first road game in 3 weeks.

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Two UW-Stout students tell how they manage to raise a child and attend classes.

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Candidates prepare for '04

Chelsea Rickert

Voting for the Wisconsin presidential primaries, the event that will select the presidential candidates for each political party, is being held two months earlier for 2004's presidential race.

Presidential primaries in Wisconsin are usually held in April, but they will be held on February 17, 2004.

There are many democratic candidates for the primaries. However, there is a very small number of republicans running against President Bush.

"The obvious republican candidate is George W. Bush," said Kim Monaghan, director of legislative affairs for the Stout Student Association.

Potential candidates are addressing many issues including the war in Iraq, abortion, capital punishment, drug policies, gun control and education reform.

The issue of abortion has also recently come into perspective. President Bush opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest or to save a woman's life. He recently signed an anti-abortion bill.

General Wesley Clark, a military analyst for CNN and a democratic candidate for the primaries, opposes the "anti-choice" bill.

"This bill is unconstitutional, and it sacrifices the health and safety of American women," Gen. Clark said in a Nov. 5 press release.

There are two African-Americans competing against one another in the primaries for the Democratic Party and the African-American vote, Carol Moseley Braun and the Reverend Al Sharpton. Braun is the only woman running this year.

Braun supports the death penalty and women's right to abortion. She also backs funding for the medical use of marijuana, penalties for the sale of marijuana and she co-sponsored a bill to prohibit concealed weapons.

Braun reiterated her opposition to President Bush's platform in an October press release.

"I don't look like him; I don't talk like him; I don't act like him; and I don't think like him," Braun said.

Sharpton's focus is on human rights. His platform consists of raising awareness for affirmative action, anti-death penalty policies and declares health care, education, equal rights and voting as human rights.

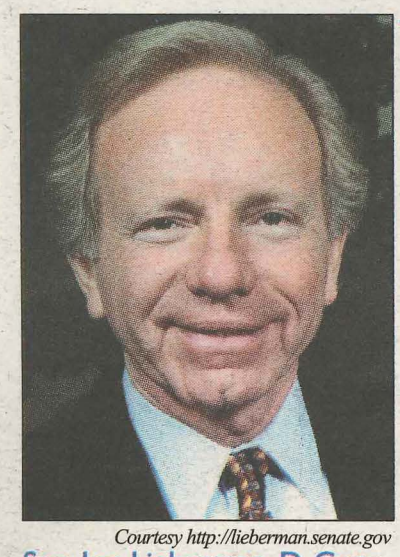
"This campaign will serve as a launching pad and beginning for a new human rights and voter registration in this country," Sharpton states on his campaign Web site.

Senator John Edwards, D-N.C., would like to see better funding for public schools. He helped craft the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, a deal between the federal government and local schools that dramatically increases federal aid to schools, but demands higher standards and accountability in return.

"Strengthening public schools is my top priority," Edwards states on his campaign Web site. "Access to education is not just an abstraction for me."

Howard Dean, who is also running for the primaries, believes that the NCLB Act was an "unfund-

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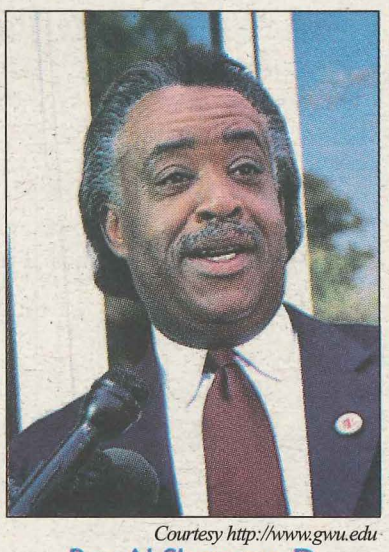


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Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

"My plan will open the doors of college to more Americans - and close the graduation gap that keeps too many students from a fair chance at a better life."

Sen. Joe Lieberman



Courtesy http://www.gwu.edu

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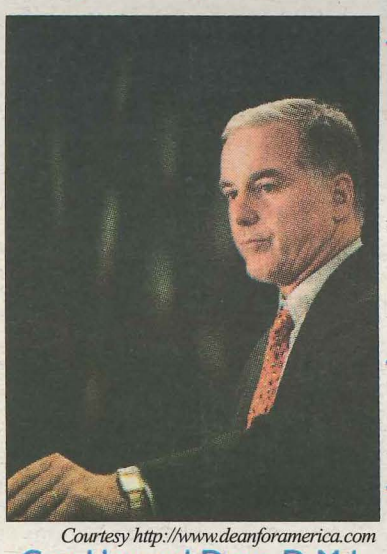
Carol Moseley Braun

On President Bush



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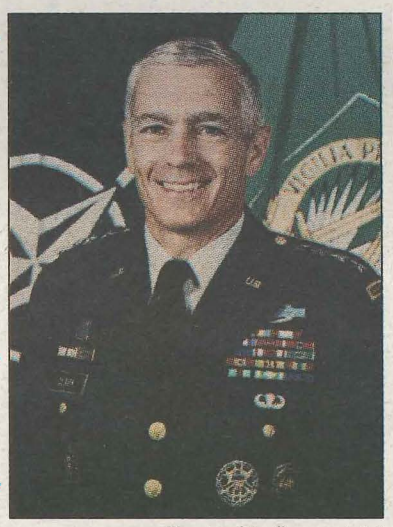


Courtesy http://www.deanforamerica.com

Gov. Howard Dean, D-Md.

"We must, under no circumstances, abandon the public schools, as the Bush Administration seems bent on doing."

Gov. Howard Dean



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Gen. Wesley Clark, D

Sixty student organizations get in line to receive segregated fees for 2004-05

Crystal Miller

The budget hearings for student organizations at the University of Wisconsin-Stout took place over the course of two weeks. Budget hearings occur each year in order for organizations to apply for funding.

"Last year was rough," said Chris LaConte, director of financial affairs for the Stout Student Association (SSA). "We decided to do more hearings this year because it gives the organizations a little more leeway."

For an organization to be recognized, they must first go to the Leadership Institute and attend a budget session. From there, they go through the budget hearings.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, the senate looked over the budget proposals, and by December the chancellor will review the total amount of segregated fees.

SSA won't know until September of next year what the exact amount of segregated fees available to allocate will be.

In the past, organizations that signed up for the hearings did so at the Student Organization Center office. Now, using the benefits of being a laptop campus, the process is done online.

This year, 60 organizations applied for funding, 13 more than last year.

"I think that the process was relatively smooth and simple," said Tim Strey, president of the paintball club. "Submitting our budgets by e-mail to the SSA financial director works nicely, as we can be rest assured that they receive it on time, and their automatic response e-mails make the process more smooth."

This year, a total of $709,000 has been requested by the 60 student organizations. A total of $150,000 was fundraised by these organizations.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 49° Low 36° Sunny	High 41° Low 37° Few Showers	High 48° Low 41° Few Showers

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The university has roughly $358,000 to allocate among all organizations. Organizations get their money from segregated fees and fundraising. Each student pays $1.91 per credit, which goes to helping fund events for all organizations.

"Our hopes for the budget hearing are somewhat high as always," Strey said. "We hope that we will get allocated all the money we requested. However, in the past we have received about 50 percent of our requested funds."

Many organizations are funded by the school and fundraising. Some organizations are completely self-funded, such as DECA.

"Our organization is not funded by SSA or Stout in anyway," said Nic Haug, president of DECA. "We do all of our own fundraising with the District I Conference, Minnesota State Conference, a raffle, Younkers Benefit Sale and other small activities."

According to LaConte, during the budget hearings, students sit in front of a panel of people for about 20 minutes to go over their organization's proposed budget. SSA makes sure all of the events each organization is asking for are legal. This year, the number of proposed events doubled from 200 to 400.

"Last year they [Blue Devil Productions (BDP)] did about 60 events and had 8,250 people attend the events," said Darrin Witucki, adviser for BDP. "This year they set a goal of matching or exceeding last year's numbers."

"I really think we have the best system in the state," said LaConte. "We are one of the only UW schools doing this process legally."

"The budget process helps the organization grow," said Witucki. "It forces the group to take a long, hard look at what they do, what they need to change and provides some hard proof of what they have done and will do in the future."

Elections / Primaries set for Feb.

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ed mandate."

"It's not going to accomplish anything except raising local property taxes," Dean said in a press release.

Although Dean does not agree with the NCLB Act, he believes public schools need to be changed. He insists that parents participate in their children's education and seeks to make schools and school boards more responsive to parents.

"We must, under no circumstances, abandon the public schools, as the Bush Administration seems bent on doing," Dean said on his campaign website in late 2002.

Senator Joe Lieberman, former Vice President Al Gore's running mate for the 2000 election, is also running for the democratic political primaries.

He has criticized the Bush administration for not fully funding the NCLB Act. Lieberman played a key role in the development and final enactment of the NCLB Act.

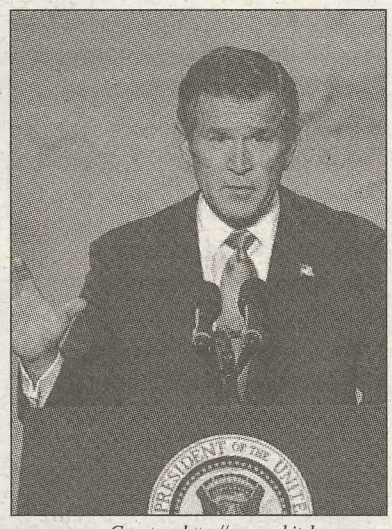
Lieberman focuses not only on public schools, but higher education as well.

Lieberman developed a plan that would ensure that by the year 2020, at least 90 percent of high school graduates would go on to the military, college or vocational school. Also, at least 90 percent of the students who start higher education will earn a bachelor's degree within six years or an associate's degree within three years.

"My plan will open the doors of college to more Americans - and close the graduation gap that keeps too many students from a fair chance at a better life," Lieberman said in a press release.

There are several other candidates and countless issues for the presidential primaries this year. These issues are addressed in press releases every day.

Monaghan has promised to make a shuttle available that will transport students to Menomonie voting polls.

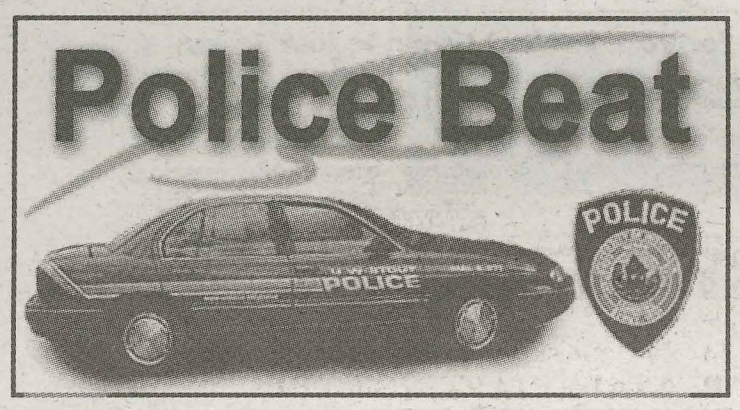


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President George W. Bush, R

"The obvious republican candidate is George W. Bush."

Kim Monaghan
SSA Director of Legislative Affairs

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Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Lost and found laptop
On Oct. 28, a student reported that someone stole his university-issued laptop from a desk in room 406 of Harvey Hall, where the student was in class. Everyone in the class was in groups and the student believes that his laptop was taken by mistake. The laptop was later recovered.

Stolen purses
On Oct. 31, a student living in Wigen Hall reported two purses stolen from her closet. One purse was empty and the other purse contained blank checks, $170 in cash, her Social Security card and two $10 gasoline cards. The student said she always locks her door when she leaves her room, but said it was possible that her roommate left the door open or unlocked. The student suspects another female on the floor who often looks in other students' rooms while they are away.

Not-so-tricky treat
On Oct. 31, a university police officer took his children trick-or-treating in the North Campus residence halls. After checking his children's candy, the officer found a plastic bag containing a green, leafy substance. The bag and its contents were packaged to resemble marijuana, but the contents did not test positive for cannabis and smelled like oregano.

Work injury
On Nov. 3, an employee in Tainter Dining Hall slipped on a puddle of water, causing her to fall and hurt her right knee. The employee was transported to Myrtle Werth Medical Center by the Menomonie Fire Department to be checked out.

Stolen bike
On Nov. 3, a student reported his bike stolen while it was parked on the west side of the physical education building. It appeared that the bike's lock had been cut. The bike is valued at $350.

Stolen bike
On Nov. 4, a student living in Tainter Hall reported her bike stolen from the bike rack outside the hall. The bike had been placed and locked in the rack on Oct. 27, after the student received it as a birthday present. The bike is valued at $69.

Damaged truck
On Nov. 5, a student reported damage to the hood of her Dodge pickup truck while it was parked in campus lot 29 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Digital pictures were taken of the damage and an attempt to lift fingerprints was unsuccessful.

Magazine scam?
On Nov. 5, a student living in North Hall was approached by two college-aged females who were selling magazine subscriptions. The student bought two subscriptions. He then changed his mind and found the females in a room down the hall. He demanded and received his check back and tore up his contract. Later, the student believed he was a victim of fraud because his neighbor overheard the females bragging about how many subscriptions they had sold. The neighbor saw the females get into a white Ford Explorer with Pennsylvania license plates. The student was advised to write a cancellation of contract letter to the subscription company, Atlantic Circulation, because the females still had a copy of the contract with his signature on it. University Police ran a registration check on the vehicle's plates, which came back as a stolen vehicle from California. A search of the campus and surrounding area was unsuccessful.

Stolen stepladder
On Nov. 6, an employee in General Services reported an eight-foot stepladder stolen from Johnson Fieldhouse.

MSC disturbance
On Nov. 6, an employee in the Memorial Student Center reported that there was a man at the service desk asking the desk employees and other passers-by for money. He said, "[Expletive deleted] college students. You all just suck," when she refused him money. A university police officer on lunch break in the building confronted the man and noticed a strong odor of alcohol on the man's breath. The man refused to identify himself, refused to accept that he could not be panhandling in the student center and refused to leave the building. The officer solicited the help of the Menomonie Police Department (MPD). MPD officers warned the man that he had one last chance to leave the building before being arrested. The man complied and was escorted out of the building. According to witnesses, the man did show a current UW-Stout ID card, but a check of records did not have him listed as a student this semester.

Stolen bike
On Nov. 7, a student living in Antrim-Froggatt residence hall reported her bike stolen from the bike racks on the west side of the hall.

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Students team up to stay warm

Cold weather camping raises money for Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund

Tim Solfest

Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a co-ed service fraternity, spent three nights outside last week to increase awareness and raise money for people in Wisconsin who cannot afford to pay their heating costs throughout the winter.

They raised approximately $400 for the Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund (KWWF). The $400 will be matched by the state.

APO held the event in celebration of National Service Week, a time when they are required to be involved in service activities. After two members from APO saw a KWWF poster at Culver's restaurant in Menomonie, they came up with an idea for the service project, which was later called the Week of Warmth.

According to its Web site, KWWF is a statewide, nonprofit, public/private partnership that steps in and keeps the heat and power on for thousands of families in crisis.

"Everyone [in the fraternity] loved the idea, and then I called Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund organization," said Sherry Stark, a junior in vocational rehabilitation. "They loved it."

Stark serves as the service coordinator for the fraternity.

Stark then sent letters to local businesses soliciting support for the fundraiser. Although she received only a small amount of financial support, she was pleased that businesses were willing to donate prizes to individuals who received the most pledges.

Several organizations on campus assisted APO in the Week of Warmth including Phi Theta Chi and CKTO hall council.

"CKTO helped out a lot," said Mike Miller, a senior in applied math and computer science and engineering technology. "They had people stay out all night Thursday night and they donated the [proceeds] from the nacho sales as a fundraiser."

Tuesday, Nov. 5 was the first night the group stayed outside. That night there were 12 members from APO and two members from CKTO hall council that slept in tents.

Temperatures that night dropped to 23.

"There was a lot of excitement," Miller said. "We were camping out in winter, plus it was not as cold. It was not that big of a deal to me."

However, Miller was quick to point out that not everyone felt the same way.

"There were people definitely not ready for the cold," Miller said. "We had extra blankets, but there were still individuals here and there that were cold."

The following night there was an increase in participants. This time, 18 members from APO and three members from CKTO participated. The low that night was 14.

"We had a challenge course that night just to stay warmer," Stark said. "We had layers upon layers [of clothes], and it doesn't help most of the time. The fact that friends were around helped."

> "I wish we had more of an impact. Even if we didn't reach others, we reached ourselves because we wouldn't want to have to live that way."
>
> **Sherry Stark**
> *Jr., vocational rehabilitation*

The participants were tempted to go into a nice warm building to warm up, but making the experience more realistic was important to them, so they didn't.

The final night was Thursday night.

"It went better than anticipated on Thursday night," Miller said. "That night, seven members from APO and two members from CKTO managed to sleep outdoors in temperatures that dropped to 12.

There were a few people who slept outside all three nights.

"I give credit to those that were out there for all three nights; one night was a challenge [for me]," Stark said.

When 8 a.m. came on Friday morning, the tents and sleeping bags were packed up and participants were able to go home.

"We knew we were walking home right now and could crank up the heat if we wanted to," Stark said.

Both Stark and Miller concluded that they got a glimpse of what the experience was probably like for individuals who didn't have heat during the winter.

"I wish we had more of an impact," Stark said. "Even if we didn't reach others, we reached ourselves because we wouldn't want to have to live that way."

International Week

November 10–15, 2003

Namibia Visit
Monday, November 10
Deanna Applehans shares her slides and information about her visit to Namibia, Africa.
12:00 Noon Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center

"Why Not Teach Abroad as well as encourage students to Study Abroad?!"
Wednesday, November 12
Faculty Panel discussion: Learn more about teaching and studying abroad.
12:00 Noon Glass Lounge, Price Commons

International Dinner
Saturday, November 15
Cultural Exhibits and Social Hour
4:30–6:00 p.m., Memorial Student Center

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5:30 p.m., Memorial Student Center

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You know you wanted a rematch in 2004



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

In the first election many of us could vote in, it was nice to see that every vote does count.

Next year it would be great if there was a similar outcome. An exciting election that goes down to the wire would be just what the people ordered.

But what would it take to get this kind of election?

In 2000, President Bush beat out Al Gore by a couple of electoral votes, but since none of us have these electoral votes, most of us were confused why the man with the most of our votes lost.

So, the first thing we need to have for another great election is a close vote. This means everyone from Joe Shmoe to Joe Student needs to vote.

Next, we need exciting candidates to run against our incumbent President Bush. Sorry Joe Lieberman, but you just got voted off Democratic Candidate Island.

Howard Dean is looking very interesting. The Daily Show with John Stewart had a piece on Dean at a democratic debate where Dean seemed to mouth a rather nasty expletive.

"That'll get the student vote Howard. Now focus on a way to get back the votes of all the senior citizens that you just pissed off."

John Edwards was the talk of the town a while back for the democrats, but now he is beginning to look like Rocky in Rocky IV. He just used up so much of his potential too early.

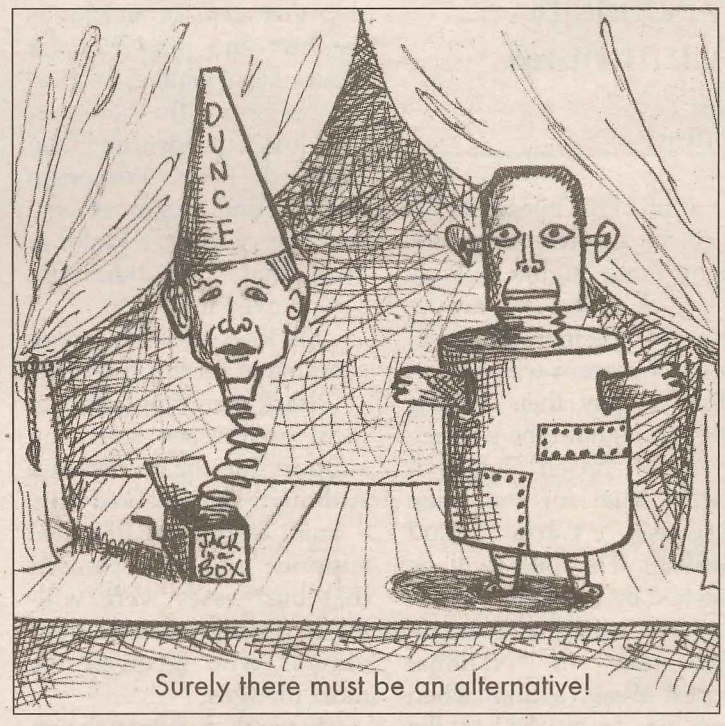
If none of these candidates are going to make a fight of it with Bush, who will be the runner for the democratic party?

Why not the man who beat Bush once already?

That's right, bring back Al Gore for another go with the current President, who beat him last time around.

Sure, Gore is a little on the stiff side. Okay, to be honest, Data, the android from Star Trek, is probably less robot-like than Gore, but that shouldn't hold back Gore too much.

Did you see Gore kiss/attack his wife at a convention for the 2000 election? That was hot stuff, for a robot-human.



Surely there must be an alternative!

Have you admitted that you wanted to see a rematch in 2004?

Let's pretend you have.

Gore vs. Bush version 2.0 will have so many new features you won't know what to do with all your political research.

Some of the upgrades you can expect to see from the new Bush include: large words in his vocabulary with words like vocabulary, more of those wacky one-liners only he finds funny, more airtime for his daughters and a promise to invade somewhere between three to five "evil" countries.

What will Gore use to counter Bush? Upgrades.

Gore's upgrades will consist of: the ability to give a speech that doesn't put voters to sleep, a smaller vocabulary with words like vocabulary, more animated Matrix style political commercials produced by Joel Silver and directed by the Wachowski brothers and more R rated kissing in front of huge crowds of cheering democrats.

Who will win this one? No one.

Yup, another tie.

This time California will be the state with the hanging chads, and Gov. Arnold will have to terminate the problem.

Winter weather can sap your energy



END GAME
Ann Syrstad

It's that time again. The time of year when you have to get used to wearing a big winter coat, mittens, scarf and hat.

I don't even recognize people on the walks to and from classes anymore. Some people are so bundled up with their winter gear that I just keep on walking without saying hi, not even knowing that I do in fact know them.

My apologies if I have done that to any of my readers, but hopefully you now understand why.

This is a fun time of year to check out people's winter fashion choices. When it is freezing cold outside I have noticed some students wearing only sweatshirts while others are wearing parkas and snow boots. Then, once in class, some people are wearing only skimpy T-shirts, while others keep their coat on the entire class period.

Why is it that some people are cold all the time and some are not?

Is it that some people cannot afford a winter coat, so they opt for the sweatshirt and just survive with that? Or are they the students that drive to class and quickly run inside the building?

I think I could best be classified with the other students that are wearing parkas and snow boots around campus. Well, maybe not snow boots, but I do appreciate warmth.

I think it is fun to bundle up this time of year; I enjoy the change in fashion. I have already pulled out all of my favorite winter gear and gotten excited about the change of climate. But then around December, once Christmas is over, it always seems to hit me; we still have about three months of winter left.

Do you ever walk to class and wonder what it would be like to go to school in Arizona or Hawaii? How fun would that be?

We would be walking to classes with shorts and flip flops on, not getting the chills in class and maintaining that healthy summer glow. I often walk to class in the snow and daydream of a life in the warm land. Do you think that students in the warm land think about us poor kids up in the north?

Do they day dream on their walk to class, wishing they could wear three layers of clothing and shiver every time they step outside? For some reason, I doubt it.

Although it may sound like it, I am not trying to be a Scrooge about cold weather. I am however, trying to remind everyone that although the weather may be kind of fun right now, we will have plenty of time to soak it up and enjoy it.

So, ease yourself into it. Save some of your favorite winter gear for when you are really going to need it. After all, it is only going to get colder!

Worth Hearing Once

Dueling

Let's have a duel. First one to die, loses.

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Letters to the Editor

Court Clarification

In the Thursday, October 23, 2003, issue the cover story spoke of the Leevers property.

You state in the second to last paragraph "STG appealed to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. The case was accepted and heard in Dec. 1979; the court handed down a ruling in favor of STG in Jan. 1980, claiming that Menomonie used the valid tax increment law incorrectly."

I was the Assistant City Attorney who represented the City of Menomonie at that time.

Although your statement might be technically correct, it is misleading.

The Supreme Court determined that the tax increment law was constitutional and was appropriate to be used for "statutorily described" public improvements. In short, the Supreme Court found that it was appropriate for the Court to find that the STG house was a part of a "blighted area" even though the house itself was not blighted.

The case was remanded by the Supreme Court with the direction to utilize tax increment financing and an additional condemnation statute.

Since the argument made on behalf of the fraternity was the unconstitutionality of the tax increment financing law, the matter was negotiated by resolution because condemnation would certainly have followed and been upheld. Perhaps a clarification of your story would be in order.

Very truly yours,
Phillip M. Steans, S.C.

Conseal this

Regarding last weeks article titled "Senate passes conceal and carry", I would like to inform your readers of some important information regarding this bill.

If you believe that this bill will put guns in the hands of criminals, please look at the facts. Applicants must succumb to and pass over thirty qualifications, background checks and restrictions before a permit is issued.

Disqualifications include prior felony conviction, offenses related to controlled substances, an order issued in a civil mental commitment case, and prior convictions of violent misdemeanors including disorderly conduct and domestic abuse.

Passing this bill (as 37 other states have) allows law-abiding Americans the right to personal protection as guaranteed to us by the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights. Regarding Wisconsin's 2002 crime rate, be aware that forcible rape INCREASED 10.1%, robery INCREASED 6.2%, burglaries INCREASED 3.4%, and reported hate crimes INCREASED 45.2%!

The scum is not going away! The 1.2% overall decline takes into account non-violent and property offences (such as a decline in arson of 11.4%).

Finally, U.W. System President Katharine Lyall's quote is appalling! If she believes that the passage of this bill will lead to pressured students "taking the lives of their teachers", then there is a serious problem with the education that this system is providing us with.

This is upsurd! But if so, I can only pray that someone else in that room is carrying a concealed weapon to save the lives of the innocent.

Thank you,
David F. Dordel
U.W. Stout Student

Commons rules

I am an alumni member and I still read The Stoutonia online. I am writing to compliment Ann Syrstad on her article "Where Did All The Super Cheap Meals Go?" How right she is.

I graduated in 2001 and it is very easy to say I miss The Commons. For those Stout students who used to say, "I can't wait to get out of the dorms and cook my own food,": That's fun for about two weeks. You cook your three recipes you know until you're sick of them and then all you can think of is the Butterfinger cheesecake dessert at The Commons.

The non-college life away from the dorms and commons is great until you get there. Enjoy The Life while it lasts. It's not so bad on the outside, but it's nothing like life at Stout.

Jeff Jackson
UW-Stout Graduate

Christmas comes after Thanksgiving folks.



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

Before I officially begin this article, I'd like to point out a hilarious irony that I noticed about my piece in last week's paper.

My article last week had a reference to my own laziness to the effect that I chose North Hall because of the elevator. As it turns out, someone wrote a letter to the editor about lazy people clogging up the elevator of Harvey Hall. I do walk up the stairs at Harvey Hall. Just thought I should point that out.

Now that I have that taken care of, I can get to the topic at hand. It's November now, and you all know what that means: Christmas.

Wait a minute, something's missing here. What's the name of the nationally recognized holiday that falls after November 1 but before Christmas? Oh, right IT'S THANKSGIVING!

With all the clever marketing of Christmas goods-related companies, I, along with several other million Americans, have been blindsided by Christmas advertisements on or before Halloween.

Some of you out there may be thinking: "That's not so bad; they need to sell Christmas stuff, and people need to buy it."

Well, that's not the problem. The problem is that people start putting up lights, Santas and things of that nature when it's still the beginning of November. That's just silly, for lack of a better word. We don't even have snow yet!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas before my Halloween pumpkin has even started to rot.

I know that Christmas is important to a lot of people, myself included, but do we really need to begin thinking about all of that hustle and bustle when it is two months away? I don't think so.

Don't get me wrong here. I don't denounce the use of year-round Christmas style lighting if it's used for mood, in say, a dorm.

One of my very good friends has an impressive lighting display in what he calls "The Nook" of his room, and that's just fine. I just don't think that we need to be decking any halls just yet.

Why are new couples so annoying at first?



DEARRIGHTER
Michelle Erdmann

Is there some pill that is taken the moment we enter a relationship, making us oblivious to the single world and synonymous to the couple culture? It seems once we become a partner we forget all the things about them that we once disliked.

Although we don't need to be in relationships right now, we can't deny that they exist. They are everywhere, on the way to class, bars and worst of all malls.

While grocery shopping, we see aisles of couples rather than food. We can't avoid the sights of the hand holding, whispering duos. Like a moth to a flame, our eyes can't help but see.

As we observe their way of life, we find ourselves wondering what they are doing right and wrong.

Couple Culture is the new term I developed to describe this other world. Everything is opposite of the "single world" and usually a little uncanny. Now this world, if viewed from a single's point of view, is full of cheesiness so thick it could fill Lambeau field.

Annoying couple behaviors can range from high to low, but from a single's eye, it's high. I don't understand the things they do, but all the same, they enjoy themselves. Maybe the euphoria is so dense that they see through rose colored glasses.

Have you ever been on your way to class and noticed the door is blocked? Not by a yellow stand reading "Be careful, Wet Floor," but a couple.

You know, the kind that are gazing into each other's heart shaped eyes, stealing kisses every millisecond while little songbirds fly above their heads. The broken record of good-byes gives you the thumbs up confirming they have a severe case of "attached at the hip syndrome."

So, you are stuck standing and staring, trying not to be rude and interrupt their PDA session, but yet you want to say they're being rude by making out and blocking the door.

Now this one has happened to everyone: you are stuck home alone with nothing to do except watch reruns of "The Price is Right." Your friend stops by on the way to dinner and a movie with a significant other. They notice you are bored and have nothing to do. Being a great friend, they ask if you'd like to come along. You decline their offer, yet somehow get sucked into it. What else are you going to do anyway?

The rest of the night is spent watching them cuddle, telling inside jokes and referring to one another as "Poochie" and "Sweetpea." The only decent conversation you engage in is with yourself, which consists of asking why did I do this? It's no fun being stuck as the third wheel.

Point taken. Stick to your guns and say no when asked to tag along with a couple.

I have no idea why some couples act the way they do, but by all means I'm not against couples. Sometimes it seems they are so involved in the "couple culture" that they lose sight of everything else.

Those of us who are single don't understand this way of living, and couples do not understand the single life.

Sometimes we singles feel that a part of them wants to be a member of that culture, but only with some fine-tuning.

Looking for that special someone? Maybe they're at *The Stoutonia* meeting !!!!

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Nov. 13 to Nov. 20

Thursday, Nov. 13
>Women's Spheres, Cultural Roots Art Exhibit, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Micheels Hall Furlong Gallery
>Hockey UW-Stout vs. Augsburg College, 7:30 p.m. Dunn Co. Ice Arena

Friday, Nov. 14
> Fine Arts & Craft Faire, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $2 adults, 12 and under free
> Fall Festival, The United Methodist Chuch, 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15
>Fine Arts & Craft Faire, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $2 adults, 12 and under free
>Football UW-Stout vs. UW-Platteville, 1 p.m., Williams Stadium
>International Dinner, Exhibits and Cultural Show, 4:30-6 p.m., MSC Great Hall, $7 students, $15.95 adult non-students, $8.95 12 and under
>Hockey UW-Stout vs. St. Thomas, 7:30 p.m., Dunn Co. Ice Arena

Sunday, Nov. 16
>Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra Performance, 2 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater
> Robert Bradshaw, composer, 2 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $12 students/seniors, $14 adults

Monday, Nov. 17
no events scheduled

Tuesday, Nov. 18
>Girl Next Door: What is it like to be a porn star?, film, 7 p.m., MSC Huff's, free
>Focus 2010 Forum: What should Stout look like in 2010?, 7 p.m., MSC Ballroom A
>Minneapolis Children's Theatre Company Presents "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse", 7 p.m., MSC Great Hall, $12 adults, $10 seniors/students, $7 children

Wednesday, Nov. 19
>Focus 2010 Forum: What should Stout look like in 2010?, 8:30 a.m., MSC Ballroom A
>Sigma Sigma Sigma Annual Chili Feed Dinner, 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m., Menomonie Leisure Center, $5 at the door
>Rusty Dooley, comedian, 8 p.m., MSC Great Hall

Thursday, Nov. 20
>Book Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Library Learning Center
>Focus 2010 Forum: What should Stout look like in 2010?, 8 a.m., MSC Ballroom C

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Tim @ Stoutonia or solfestt@uwstout.edu

Around the world in nine months



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Connie Ross and her 15-year-old son Henry have kept busy traveling around the world. They have visited 32 countries in the past eight years and recorded their experiences on film by videotaping or snapping photos. Their presentation can be seen on Nov. 19 in Ballroom A of the MSC.

Eric Iverson

You may have seen her photos at the Acoustic Café recently. If you haven't, there is still one more chance to see the work of Connie Ross, a woman who has traveled to 32 countries around the world with her 15-year-old son Henry.

Ross and her son will be sharing their travels, dubbed "Henry's Incredible Journey Part 1 & 4," with the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the community on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in Ballroom A of the Memorial Student Center.

Through the use of slides and video, the Ross's will showcase their work. A reception and question and answer session sponsored by the UW-Stout Photography Club will follow.

"'Henry's Incredible Journey' was made in memory of my dad, Dean A. Schwartz, who passed away on July 24, 1994," said H. Ross.

C. Ross and H. Ross decided to take some time off and travel the world for nine months in 1995 and 1996. They visited 32 countries including all continents except Antarctica and South America, a place they wish to visit soon.

"Henry's father, my husband, died, and it was time to recollect in a new era without him," said C. Ross. "I pulled Henry out of school and we decided to kick off our travels in honor of him [Schwartz]."

Many people wonder how H. Ross keeps up in school while traveling so much. C. Ross explained that he attends schools in almost all the countries they visit, which she calls supplemental education.

"Traveling can teach you so much more than a classroom," said H. Ross.

It turns out that H. Ross must be right. While he's not in a distant country, he attends Menomonie High School where he is an honor student, on a hockey team and is second-chair trombonist in the high school band, which is going to nationals. In his spare time he skateboards and creates DVDs of him and his friends skateboarding.

While visiting other countries, H. Ross videotapes. He was only allowed to bring three tapes so he really had to budget his footage when going to Southeast Asia. But by doing this, he saved room in his backpack and had 95 percent of his movie complete.

Although he had a hard time deciding, H. Ross said his favorite places were Costa Rica and Southeast Asia because he spent a lot of time in both places. Some of the hill tribes in Southeast Asia hadn't ever seen western culture, so they were astounded by H. Ross' digital video camera, which can play back footage instantly. The natives had never seen themselves on another form of media before.

C. Ross explained that Americans take so many things for granted including food, water, clothing and shelter.

"Americans [have] one of the few countries with running water," said C. Ross. "There is a fallacy that Americans have, which makes us think third world countries don't know about the luxuries and technology we have...but third world countries know we have everything, and they want it."

C. Ross says this is unfair because we're all equal humans, and Americans didn't do anything more right or more superior than other countries to deserve all the luxuries we have.

"They [other countries] know that we [the U.S.] have the wealth, but they know they can't have it," said H. Ross.

Another problem C. Ross stressed was the fact that media creates fear in Americans.

Less than 1,000 deaths have been attributed to SARS in the last year, yet the media blows this disease out of proportion. C. Ross stated that there are 3,000 deaths per day as a result of malaria, but since this doesn't affect the U.S., no one cares.

In the United States alone, over 40,000 people die in car crashes per year, yet United States citizens just brush it off their shoulders. The reason C. Ross brought these statistics up was to show how a relatively small death rate and the media together have destroyed tourism in Asia, something many of the southeastern countries rely on.

"We were in Southeast Asia when SARS was there," said C. Ross. "Because tourism is the number one income in many of these countries, people were devastated."

C. Ross explained that there is no better time to travel because English is spoken all over the world, and the exchange rate is so good.

"We [Americans] are very privileged to be able to travel anywhere and speak English without a problem," Ross said. "We are the only nation in the world that knows only one language while some people we met in other countries knew six or seven languages."

C. Ross said there is a myth that traveling overseas is expensive, but it really isn't if you budget your money and don't go to Western Europe. In Laos, the highest form of currency, the Kip, is 20,000 Kip. This high stack of coins equals approx-

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"Crappy" cards amusing to some



WEB SITE REVIEW
Jaime VandenHoogen

Have you ever wanted to tell someone that they had bad breath, looked terrible, gained weight or smelled bad? Well, now you can, and crappyendings.com is an excellent way to do so.

Maybe I just have a twisted sense of humor, but I thought that http://www.crappyendings.com was one of the best Web sites I've been to in a long time. It is completely unique and quite entertaining.

This Web site allows people to send e-cards to friends, family and coworkers, just so that they can tell the receiver what they really think about them. While this may seem a little mean, it is supposed to be a joke.

What started out as practical joke cards grew into free service e-cards, clothing and other novelty merchandise.

The project also has created a character named "Jesty" who adds humor to the greeting cards with his mischievous grins and by poking fun of people's faults.

Another brand the company created is Jestified. This brand speaks in riddles and often involves anagrams that may not be socially acceptable, but people still find them funny and purchase the merchandise.

Jestified is often found on clothing and novelty merchandise, whereas Jesty is geared more towards the e-cards.

The Web site and the merchandise are aimed at 18 to 34 year-olds, although there are certainly people outside of this age group who find the e-cards and clothing extremely humorous.

Some of these e-cards can really get quite interesting. Here's an example: the e-card says, "Girlfriend, another year has gone by; unlike those extra pounds you've gained. Crappy Birthday."

This may seem mean and hateful, however, given to the right person, it can be taken as a mere practical joke.

I highly recommend that you take a look at this Web site. Even if you don't want to send a direct and brutally honest card or wear a T-shirt with an explicit anagram, you can definitely have a good laugh by just window-shopping.

"Revolutions" explodes



MOVIE REVIEW
Glenn Hintze

Everything with a beginning has an end. The tagline adequately describes the closing chapter of the "Matrix" trilogy. It seems, unfortunately, that the spectacle has left its philosophically demanding plot lines behind in favor of really cool explosions.

Now, don't misinterpret; the Wachowski brothers continue to push visual effects to the limit and beyond. Bullet time was the original brilliance, and they follow it beautifully in "Revolutions." The battle for the human city of Zion was a special effects smorgasbord, both visually beautiful and realistically frightening.

I sat with my mouth agape, stunned by the realism of the invading machines. It's pretty safe to say that we will not see a film with such gorgeous and well produced special effects for the next 10 years.

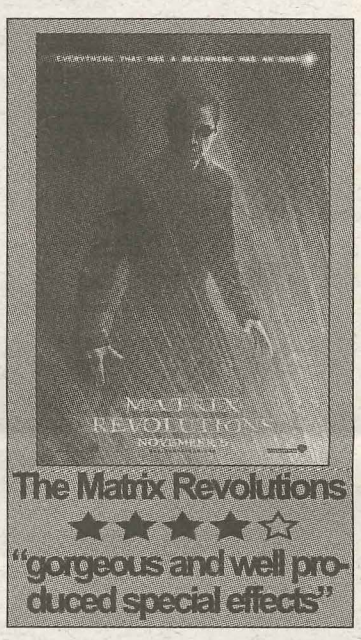
The story, however, lags behind the impressive visual display. We again catch up with the usual cast of characters: Morpheus, Neo, Trinity and the many Agent Smiths, right where they left off in "Reloaded." The first hour of the film is a bit slow, a little bit of catching up and a lot of dialogue. The action picks up as Bane, the crewmember who now is inhabited by Agent Smith, plots his attack. A tremendous fight between Neo and Bane picks up the pace and kicks the action into high gear.

Notice a pattern though? Boring dialogue and sluggish plot lines dive into incredible action and special effects sequences. The first "Matrix," however fantastic the action and effects were, was so good because of the dialogue and the premise behind the film. The sequels seem to be advancing the story in a direction with which they could use the most innovative technology effectively.

Though the sequels don't live up to the expectations set by the original, that's far from saying they are bad movies. Compared to most of the garbage movies studios put out each Friday, I'd much rather see "Matrix Revolutions." The story, while lackluster in comparison to the first, has elements everyone can relate to: love, fear, fate and the fight against oppression.

Most importantly, the story brings closure to the trilogy. The Wachowski brothers are certainly not afraid to kill off some of their famed characters or to give the viewer a conclusion to the war that was certainly unexpected by most voracious fans.

I do wonder if they set themselves up for yet another possible sequel. As conclusive as the ending was, there was enough ambiguity to be able to tie in another film. Go see this movie. When you do, pay attention to the Oracle's last lines and ponder if "Matrix Resurrections" is going to be next on the list.



World / travel myths dispelled by local travelers

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imately $3.50 in American dollars. Two hundred-fifty American dollars will buy you food, accommodations and various means of transportation for a month. Lodging is $3 to $7 a night, a price you wouldn't think twice about for a double mocha frappe latte at Caribou Coffee.

Future plans for H. Ross include taking a year off of school after graduating and traveling overseas with some friends. After this, he plans to go to college in the United States and eventually get a job in the humanities.

C. Ross and her son moved from Denver, Colo. to Menomonie, Wis. so that C. Ross could get her master's degree in training and development. Her master's thesis, "How 'contrariety' cultural belief systems impede cooperative work environments," reflects her travels and knowledge of culture. C. Ross will create a career for herself in a diverse and multi-racial environment which fosters education of world view.

C. Ross's photography interests were brought about by the wide variety places she was able to visit. After six years of traveling the world, she compiled unique and breath-taking photos for the exhibit.

"I want to help people understand each other better so we can respect one another," said C. Ross. "Through respect comes growth."

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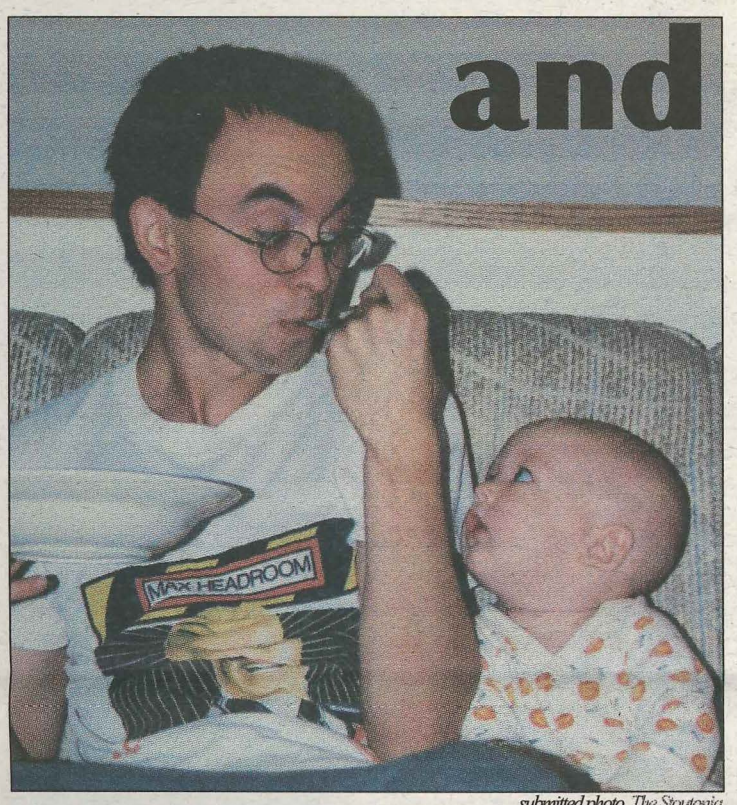
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Scheduling for classes and diaper changes



submitted photo, The Stoutonia

Timothy Kline eats with his 6 month-old son Aiden. As students and parents, he and Aiden's mother, Aimee Gabrielson, have a lot to juggle.

Aaron Zafke

There are many students attending classes here at University of Wisconsin-Stout that have to worry about feeding and dressing a tiny someone besides themselves in the morning.

"Every day we wake up around 6:30 or 7:30 and play paper-rock-scissors to see who gets up to feed Aiden," said Aimee Gabrielson, a senior majoring in psychology. "Tim always picks paper," Gabrielson said of Timothy Kline, a senior majoring in physics at UW-Eau Claire and father to their son, Aiden Lee Kline.

Gabrielson and Kline keep quite busy and lose a lot of sleep raising their son.

"I fell asleep during Matrix Three," Kline said.

Falling asleep during action packed thrillers is just one of the many issues student parents like Kline and Gabrielson face. One of the more pressing issues is finding affordable daycare.

Gabrielson and Kline managed this issue with the help of the Child & Family Study Center. Aiden attends daycare three days a week, while his mom and dad attend classes and work.

"Our enrollment policy is to first accept children who are already enrolled and find spots for them as best we can," said Julia Lorenz, a senior instructional specialist. "Once the date for registration has passed, we accept anyone who applies that we have room for."

At the Child & Family Study Center, daycare is available for student families at half the price than the rest of the community is required to pay. Rates fluctuate according to the age of the child: the younger the child, the greater the cost.

Applications for spring semester are available at Child & Family Study Center located on 811 6th street, or you may call the registrar, Patti Kettenacker at 232-1478.

"Some of our programs are difficult to get into," Lorenz said. "This fall we had four times the number of infants we could accommodate try to enroll. At this time, we have very few spots left in any of our programs."

Travis Young, associate instructional specialist at the daycare said he and his colleagues do their best to give the children opportunities to explore. Every week there are new toys provided; new books are brought in and read to the children. The environment is also changed on a weekly basis to provide new challenges for the children. Young also said that he does a lot of charting; every time a child eats, crawls, takes a nap, etc. it gets documented.

"The Early Childhood Conference happens here for a reason..." said Young.

Although it seemed like a lot of work to me, it doesn't seem to bother Young.

"We've got the best job in the world," said Young. "I love this bunch."

Finding safe, caring hands to leave Aiden with wasn't the end of their difficulties; Kline and Gabrielson also have visits to the doctor, struggle to make ends meet and have classes to keep up with. The professors at UW-Stout are sensitive to the needs of student families.

"My instructors have been so understanding about missing classes when Aiden is sick, or when I'm sick," Gabrielson said. "They tell me he can come to class too."

Winter brings new rules for citizens



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Beginning Nov. 1, people were given warning signs to move their car to the correct side of the street before 2 a.m. or they would be ticketed.

Lara Monk

The City of Menomonie has many ordinances; many are frequently misunderstood or overlooked by city residents and University of Wisconsin–Stout students. The ordinances are intended to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all residents.

"You can't drive on the lake after 9 p.m." said said Jim Jasicki, from the community relations office of the Menomonie Police Department. "People can't see the lake or the conditions of the ice. It's more likely that people will break into fish shakes late at night as well."

Special restrictions are necessary to assist in snow removal. The odd-even calendar parking restriction applies to all streets in the city, except where otherwise restricted, such as "No Parking Any Time."

"If a car is left on the street and plowed around once and it's still there the next time we come out to plow, the car will be towed," said Jasicki. "It would be wonderful if people could move their cars."

Beginning Nov. 1 and ending April 1, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., drivers must park on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered calendar days and on even numbered calendar days on the even numbered side of the street.

Officer Jasicki advises students to go out early before class and warm uptheir car. A driver requiring the removal of frost from a window could receive a fine.

If there has been an accumulation of snow or ice on the sidewalk, the property owner or tenant(s) are responsible for removing the snow or ice from the full width of the sidewalk prior to 12:00 noon on the date following the end of the snowfall.

"It was our responsibility to shovel the sidewalks," said Robert Burgraff, marketing and business education, senior. "The city makes the household shovel or the city will shovel it for you, but for a price of course."

If not maintained, the city may clear the sidewalk and bill the owner for each occurrence. Repeated occurrences can accumulate to significant costs.

The city has redesigned the sidewalk and roadways to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists. The use of sleds and toboggan are prohibited in specific areas of

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Best of Menomonie 2003

BEST...

date place		campus event	
greek organization		resident adviser	
restaurant		bartender	
landlord		grocery store	
on-campus job		liquor store	
off-campus job			
party house			
bar atmosphere			
drink special			
women's sport			
mens sport			
intramural/club sport			
professor/faculty			
custodian			
campus organization			
coffee shop			
athlete			
local band			
hair salon			

WORST...

campus rule	
on-campus job	
off-campus job	
bouncer at bar	
place to wake up	
party house	
place to live	

Rules...

1. Best of Menomonie ballots are to be handed into the Stoutonia boxes around campus.
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Questions? 715-232-2468

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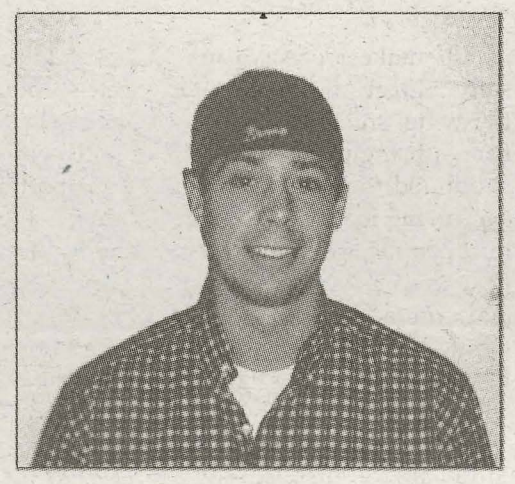
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STOUT WATCH



Brooke McDonald
marketing education



Matthew R. Furseth - 23
hospitality and tourism management

Questions and photos compiled by Ann Syrstad, The Stoutonia

Hometown: Kimberly, Wis.

What are your plans for the summer after you graduate?
Considering last summer I titled myself the Lady of Leisure, I'd better get my butt in gear and get a jobby job.

What events would make a perfect day for you?
Waking up a little on the late side, taking a long shower, perhaps getting a facial, then shopping for useless clearance items and finishing it off with a steak dinner with someone who makes me laugh.

Cats or dogs?
Dogs, I have a poodle/chihuahua named Pesci after Joe Pesci. She's little but tough.

If you were a photographer, what subject would you take photos of?
This is wrong, but I have a photo album filled of my dog. She's only 6 months old.

What strikes you first about someone you meet?
I like to feel out a person's sense of humor. Funny people are just better to be around.

Describe your ideal date:
Let's see... he would pick me up, but come inside to get me, tell me I look beautiful (key factor), and take me to a restaurant that I've never been to. Then we would go driving to a destination unknown to me. The rest is none of your business.

Hometown: Edgerton, Wis.

Relationship status: single

What are your plans for the summer after you graduate?
I want to go on a cruise through the Caribbean with friends.

What events would make a perfect day for you?
Waking up in a beach house overlooking a sunrise and being served breakfast in bed, with a gorgeous woman next to me!

If you were a photographer, what subject would you take photos of?
Exotic places.

What strikes you first about someone you meet?
Their eyes and personality.

Describe your ideal date:
Julia Stiles.

What is your least favorite thing about UW-Stout?
The long, cold winters.

How many shooting stars have you seen in your life?
I've never counted, but I think I've seen a lot.

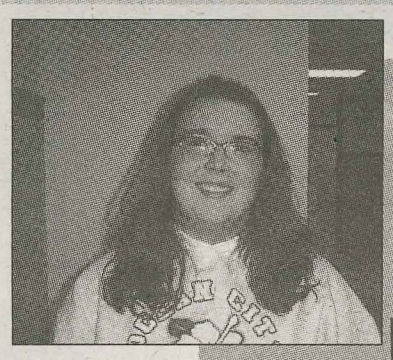
What is your favorite flavor of smoothie at the Pawn?
Peach Sunset.

Cats or Dogs?
Dogs, because they're a man's best friend.

Stout Watch is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students. If you have question ideas for Stout Watch or want to see someone featured, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

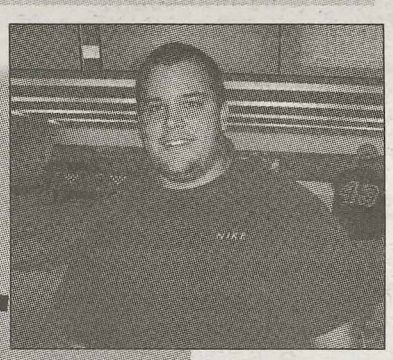
Slant

If you could be a bodyguard for any famous person, who would it be?



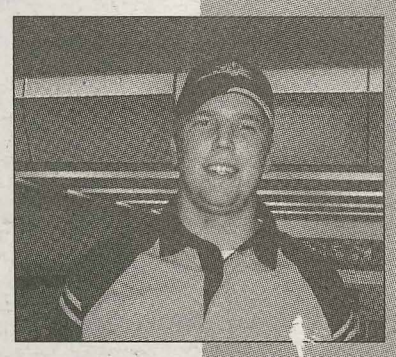
"Snoop Doggy Dogg"

Krystal Kelley
hospitality and tourism
senior



"Heather Graham because she's a homegrown Wisconsin girl"

Tiege Druckrey
general business
senior



"Cristina Aguilera because she likes getting dirty"

Andy Rude
packaging
sophomore

"Kenny Chesney, who wouldn't want to protect his body"

Kayla Hemingson
undecided
freshman



Next Week:

If you could hear any band play at any location, who would it be and where would it be?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"In search of the profound, I have found art."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

All artists are in search of the profound when designing anything. The profound is anything that causes its audience to take notice and think; it causes conversation. A profound piece is timeless, a Mona Lisa of sorts.

When I sit back in any of my studio classes and watch as my classmates present their projects, I am amazed at the talented work that some can produce.

Studio classes are very time consuming, but unlike general classes, I tend to devote as much time to my projects as I can. I often sit down for hours at a time several days a week to finish a project. I am starting to learn how not to procrastinate. The design process that my professors are trying to impliment is sinking in, and I am beginning to use it.

The most frustrating thing for art students is creative blocks. This can halt all progress on the entire project and will cause stress.

The best part of designing something is the end result. All of the sweat and lost sleep is compiled into a visual piece of the artist's talent and personality.

Most artists begin creating with other artist's techniques in mind and it will be mirrored in the new creation. It is not a type of plagerism but more so a building block for ideas and concepts. Inspirations are molded from their hands into a new form.

Ultimately, every artist is searching for their own technique- something that they will be recognized and remembered for.

I once heard that a true artist is one that does not use other artists as inspirations but creates in their own style.

I don't agree with this statement. An artist is anyone who makes a creation of any sort out of any normal media.

Inspirations are found everywhere and can morph into anything. One concept can be handled in an infinite number of ways.

By the end of a project I feel that there is nothing else I could have done to improve it. Once I am able to see my classmates work, I find new ideas and improvements that could enhance the quality of my work.

Although I will complain all semester about instructors that continue to push my design skills, I have realized that those are the classes that I produce the best work from. Without these professor, I wouldn't be able to build a quality portforlio.

STUDENT LIFE
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Rules / Menomonie enforces snow related ordinances

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downtown Menomonie. Routes are designated to prevent collisions in congested areas.

Public safety is very important in all communities. City ordinances prohibit throwing snowballs at any vehicle or building, other private/public property or at persons.

"I did not know there were penalties [for throwing snowballs]," said Burgraff.

Snowballs have the likelihood of flying through windows, hitting cars and injuring individuals.

"It makes sense to me," said Burgraff. "Although throwing snowballs can be fun - bringing back your childhood for a few minutes - throwing icy snowballs can hurt people or damage property, even if you think it is just fun and games. What would be the purpose of throwing snowballs at cars and houses anyway?"

Fresh snow often spawns snowball fights amongst people of all ages.

"It is all fun and games until someone gets hurt," said Jasicki. "We usually don't do anything unless we get a complaint. If we see them, we'll just yell at them."

If you have any questions pertaining to this topic you can find your answers at the Menomonie Police Department website. Go to: http://www.menomoniepolice.com/uw-stout_students.htm

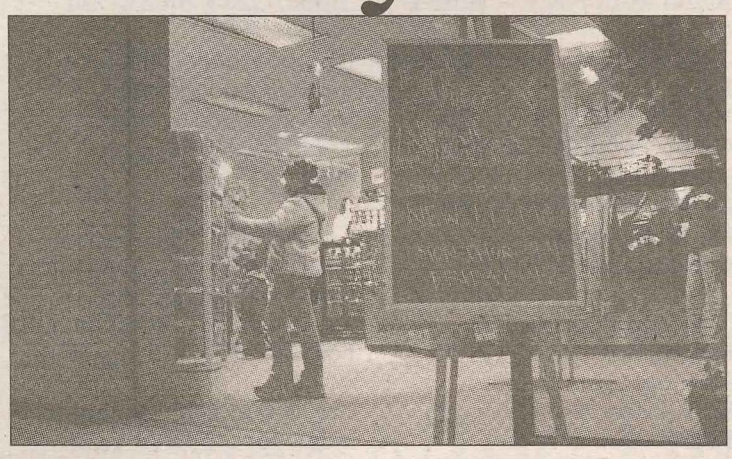
"If you're having a little fun with small snowballs, there shouldn't be a penalty," said Burgraff. "If people are throwing snowballs at cars and houses, that could be considered vandalism."

Winter Regulations

Regulation	Fines
Snowmobile on roadway:	$163.00
Drunk Driving - snowmobile:	$500.00
Towing sled behind car on the road:	$138.20 + 2 pts. assessed to license
Throwing snowballs:	$156.20 – $225.00
Use of sleds on city sidewalks:	$143.80 - $181.00
Sidewalk snow removal:	$131.40 - $143.80 + city charges
Window frost removal:	$132.00
Driving on the lake after 9 p.m.:	$156.20
Car left on roadway:	$15 + charge

Tucked away in its own Niche

Lindsey Shuldt



The Niche is open between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Gifts, trendy clothes, knick-knacks, beverages and between class snacks are a few of students' favorite things about the Niche. Not to mention the helpful student staff.

Located on the third floor of the Home Economics building, students walk past the store to get to class.

"I always stop there for snacks between classes," said Gavin Hoesly, a junior in telecommunications. "The girls are always smiling."

The Niche is a retail store created in 1971 when several department administrators decided that fashion merchandising students needed experience in running a store.

At first, the store was designed as a handcraft place where local craftsmen could display and sell their work. All merchandise was found through a consignment basis.

Currently, the store is run by college students and is actually counted as an internship for those who take the fashion retailing practicum class, worth four credits.

"You get to know how to market a product; not a lot of people know how to do that," said current employee Gina Hurt, a senior in retail merchandise management.

Each student is placed in one of three basic divisions that are characteristic of a small business: store management/operations, buying/financial control and promotion.

"We get a lot of one-on-one with the customers," said Moriah Gilbert, a senior majoring in retail merchandise and management,and current employee.

Student employees have to work five to six hours per week, and they are not compensated for their time in the store. Instead they are given the credits for the class along with the internship.

On Fridays, the class meets to discuss new products and promotions along with reports necessary changes in store inventory.

"It's awesome to get to work on campus for my internship," said Melissa Damico, a senior in retail merchandise and management, who is a current employee.

The student employees of the Niche try to create more of a profit for this year than from the years before. In this past year alone, the sales for this small store have doubled.

The store management and staff changes each semester and is mainly composed of seniors. There is no opportunity for outside employment unless taking the assigned course.

"We just had someone request for us to carry milk in the store," Gilbert said. "We carry snacks but we can't carry everything." After all, the store was created on the idea of fashion, and most of its items are fashion apparel.

With the current deal of 20 percent off all apparel in the store, staff has been reordering clothes frequently.

"The logo wear scarves go really fast," Hurt said.

The Niche has a promotion that began this week and will end on Nov. 20. There will be entry forms located in the store and around campus.

On Nov. 20 there will be a drawing. The winner of the drawing will recieve a gift basket filled with merchandice worth $30.

"We have a lot of really cool gifts for Christmas presents," Damico said.

She stated that more gift type items will appear in the store the closer it gets to Christmas.

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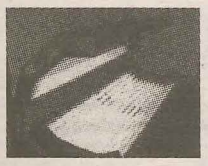
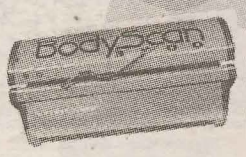
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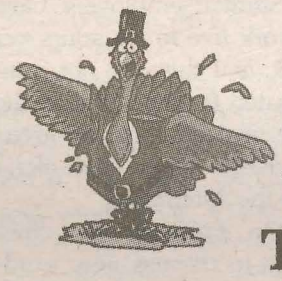
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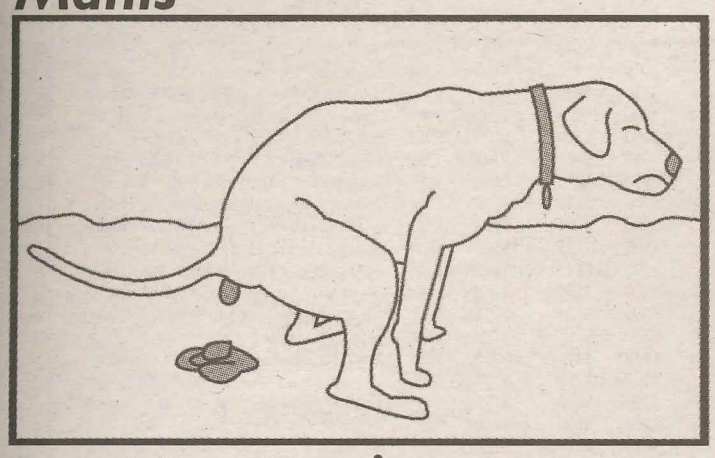
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by Dave Hagen

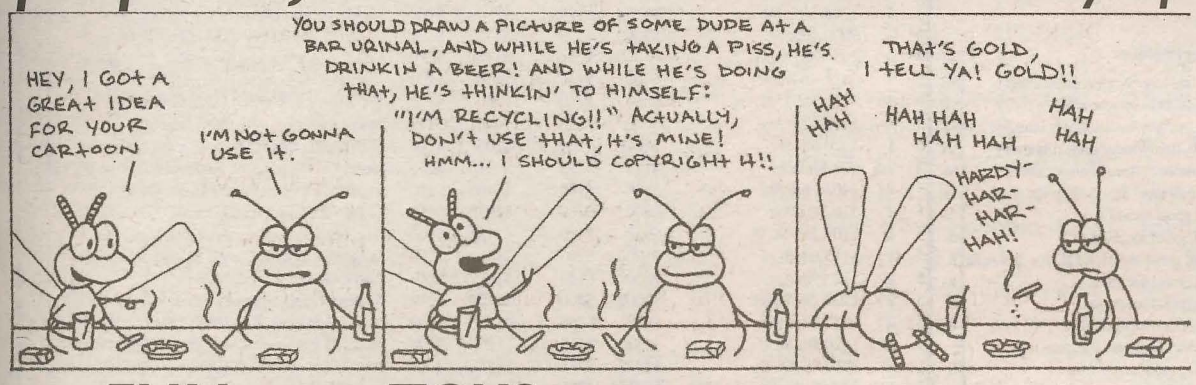
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Another boring comic by Aaron Krueger



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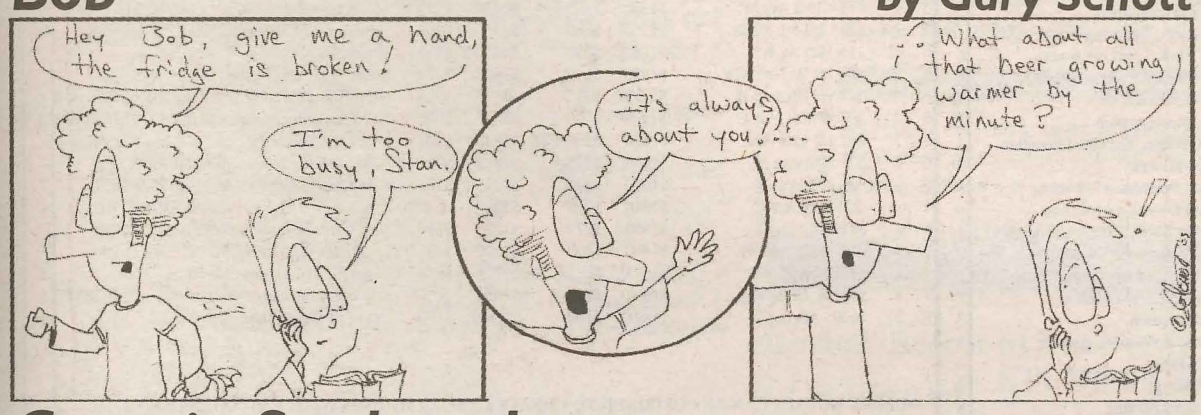


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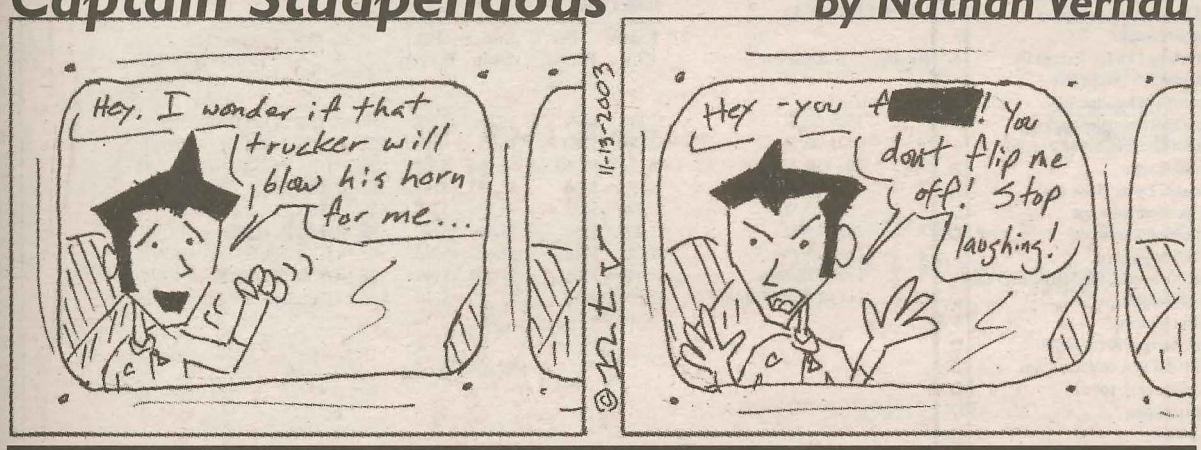
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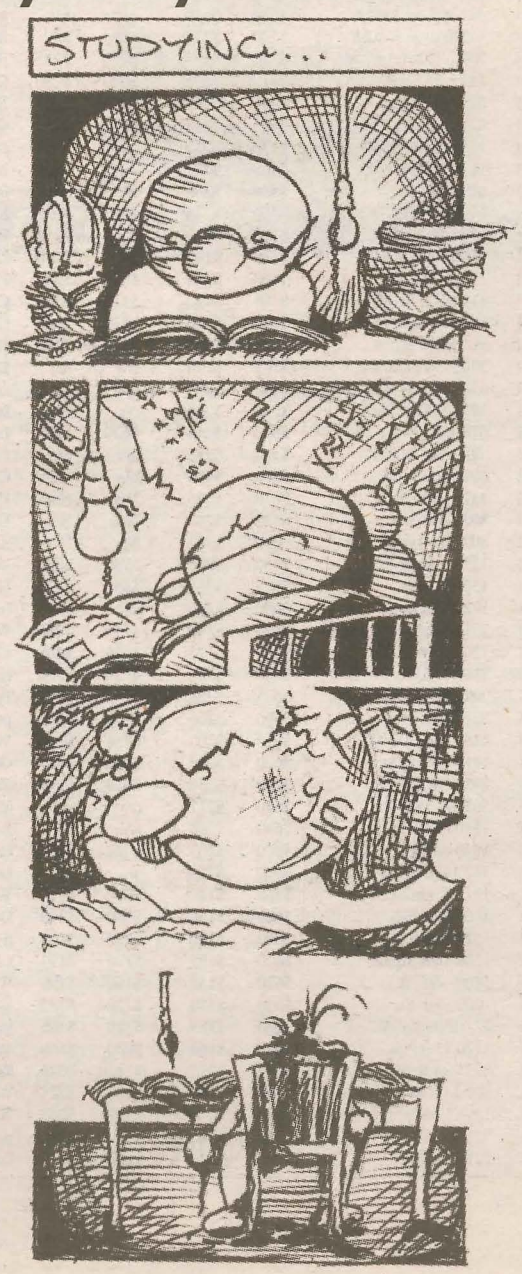
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1		147 _ Main St. #5	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Util inc/Bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$170	$170	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
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2	1	113 _ Main St. #3	$470	$235	n/a	n/a	Inc WSG,Trash,n/p Downtown Location	9
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2	1	1506 _ 6th St.	$330	$165	$400	$200	Enclosed Front Porch/Great Location	D
2	1	115 W Main St.	$400	$200	$485	$243	Parking,downtown location	3
2	1	119 Main St. #2 W	$380	$190	$430	$215	Close to campus and downtown, parking	3
2	1	921 Main St. #2	$420	$210	$520	$260	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	921 Main St. #4	$410	$205	$510	$255	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$405	$405	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
2	1	1721 1/2 7th Street	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc Utilities/good location/washer/dryer	D
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$500	$250	$620	$310	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	605 13th St.E #4	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
2	1	607 13th St #5	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/ st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
2	1	147 _ Main St. C	$650	$325	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/n/p	O
2	1	802 6th Ave. #5	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/parking	6
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	All Utilities included Great Location Parking	6
2	1	1310 _ Main St.	$550	$275	N/A	N/A	Very Nice Upper Apt/Large	D
2	1	1502 10th St.	$525	$263	$650	$325	House,Garage, Washer Dryer Hook ups	H
2	1	1721 7th Street	$600	$300	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	119 W. Main #3	$525	$175	$625	$208	Close to campus and downtown	3
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$600	$200	$750	$250	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	802 6th Ave #4	$675	$225	N/A	N/A	Parking, Util inc, great location	6
3	1	921 Main St #3	$600	$200	$720	$240	parking and convient location	4
3	1	414 - 12th Ave W.	$615	$205	$750	$250	Very large/Garage/Storage/LOCATION	D
3	1	1415 1/2 4th St.W	$620	$207	$740	$247	Gas heat/Garage MODERN, w/d hook-ups	D
3	1	203 13th Ave. W.	$750	$250	$850	$284	Great location,parking, large rooms	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave.	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Very nice, Close to campus	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$960	$320	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$560	$140	$680	$170	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1606 10th St.	$600	$150	$780	$195	House behind Lammers,w/d hook up	H
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$600	$150	$750	$188	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1508 10th Street	$620	$155	$770	$193	Close to Lammers / Large Rooms	H
4	1	1809 - 6th St.	$620	$155	$780	$195	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Garage	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	321 13th Ave. W.	$620	$155	$740	$185	Super Location / HOUSE/WASHER/DRYER	H
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$640	$160	$800	$200	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$940	$235	$1140	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D

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4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1.5	121 1/2 12th Ave.W.	$900	$225	$1000	$250	Large apartment, super location	D
4	2	1721 7th St.	$1120	$280	n/a	n/a	Includes Util. WASHER/DRYER, Parking	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #2	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #3	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #4	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #5	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #7	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #8	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	1+	1515 6th Street	$980	$245	$1100	$275	Spacious, close to campus,washer/dryer	H
4	2	1301 9th Street	$1020	$255	$1200	$300	Beautiful house/garage/Location/WASH.DRYER	H
4	2	1415 8th Street	$1000	$250	$1150	$288	Upgraded recently,great location,parking,W/D	D
4	2	1317 8th Street	$1040	$260	$1180	$295	Washer/Dryer, Deck, good location	H
4	2	1021 8th St	$1100	$275	$1275	$319	Beautiful house with decks/close to campus	H
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1420	$355	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	2	1702 6th St	$1,110	$278	$1300	$325	Large House close to campus/washer/dryer	H
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	1600 10th St.	$1000	$250	$1175	$294	Great House, Washer/Dryer Hook-ups	
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2.5	902 Main St.	$1125	$225	$1325	$265	Great Location, Large Rooms,WASHER/DRYER	H
5	2	1408 - 6th St.	$900	$180	$1100	$220	good location/ lots of parking	H
5	2	516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	1	1115 6th St.	$1000	$200	$1150	$230	WASHER/DRYER/ right on campus	H
5	2	512 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1,050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	2	1220 7th Street	$1000	$200	$1150	$230	1 Block from Campus/washer/dryer/house	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	1	914 6th Ave.	$1025	$205	n/a	n/a	great house, Parking	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	1803 7th St	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	Washer/Dryer/parking/good location	D
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1050	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
5	2	1521 8th St.	$1,075	$215	$1250	$250	House / Large Rooms / good location	H
5	2	121 W 13th Ave.	$1175	$235	$1350	$270	Excellent location and condition, Washer/Dryer	D
5	2	607 13th Ave.	$1,150	$230	$1325	$265	Excellent/huge rooms/location/parking	H
5	2	2006 5th St. #C	$1,275	$255	$1450	$290	New /Washer-Dryer, Lg Rooms	3
5	2	2006 5th St. #B	$1,275	$255	$1450	$290	New /Washer-Dryer, Lg Rooms	3
5	2	1708 6th St A	$1,325	$265	$1475	$295	New/great location with parking/washer/dryer	D
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2	504 10th St.	$900	$150	$1100	$184	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/large rooms	H
6	2.5	1502 - 7th St.	$840	$140	$1,050	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/new siding	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Location, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1714 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	Very large, deck, prIvate, high eff gas heat	H
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2+	1415 1/2 8th Street	$1560	$260	$1750	$292	Fabulous, WASHER/DRYER, Parking	D
6	2	115 17th Av W	$1260	$210	$1430	$239	House,Location,w/d	D
6	2+	121 1/2 W 13th Ave.	$1650	$275	$1800	$300	Super Location, Washer/Dryer	D
6	2	205 W17th Ave B	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	205 W17th Ave C	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	602 1/2 12th Ave.	$1620	$270	$1840	$307	new, large bedrooms, next to campus,Wash/Dry	D
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	
7	2	220 - 12th Ave. W.	$1400	$200	$1,625	$233	Location / WASHER/DRYER/ large yard	H
7	2	1321 2nd St. W.	$1575	$225	$1775	$254	Large / 2 living rooms / location	H
8	3	1421 S. Broadway	$1,840	$230	$2050	$257	One of the best larger houses,WASHER/DRYER	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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Br	Ba	Address	Unit	Person	Unit	Person	Property Notes
4	2	1506 6th St.	$730	$180	$870	$218	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
4	2	1721 7th St.	$1,000	$250	INC	INC	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
5	2	203 13th Ave	$875	$175	$1,010	$202	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	2	1311 S. Broadway	$945	$136	$1,185	$198	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	3	1803 7th St.	$1,500	$215	$1,735	$248	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2	1208 8th St.	$1,200	$150	$1,440	$180	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2+	121 12th Ave W.	$1,680	$210	$1,620	$240	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
9	2	1120 15th Ave	$1,440	$161	$1,730	$199	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
12	4	114 (A & B) 17th Ave	$2,100	$175	$2,330	$210	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE

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Volleyball comes to a close



SPORTSREPORT
Rebecca Werner

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's volleyball season ended with a record of 22-12 and 2-6 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC).

"We peaked at the end of the season, which is all that matters," said Erin Heger, a senior majoring in business. "It feels good to end the season winning the UW-Stout Invitational and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls tournament."

Volleyball coach Jill Jolliff said she found the season disappointing. Jolliff was hoping to have finished higher in the conference.

"We couldn't accomplish some of the long-term goals due to the inconsistent play we had," said Jolliff. "We set some short-term goals every few weeks and during matches."

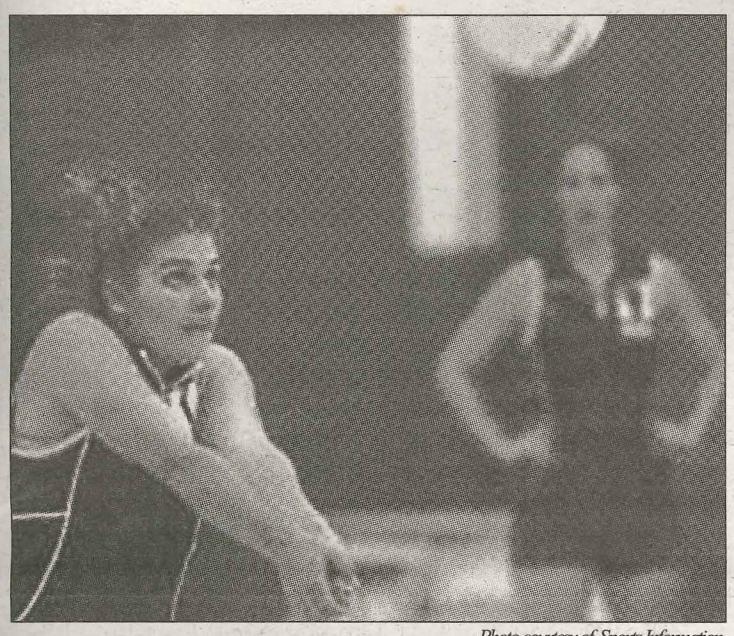


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After a long season of battleing with injury, the volleyball team is now focusing on off-season workouts. The team is full on young talent that has the potential to be unstopable next season.

Some setbacks were the many injuries sustained by various players throughout the season.

"Every starter had injuries that affected our play," said Heger. "It was hard to improve when our team was limited to playing time."

During their difficult season, the team found ways to raise their morale and improve team unity.

"We have some unique ways of motivating ourselves for matches," said Jolliff. "For example: crazy hair day (for the Stevens Point match), crazy short day (worn for warm-up prior to a match in Eau Claire), plus our variety of warm-up games and our numerous cheers on the court."

With some time off to heal the injuries, the team is anxious to return next year and show the conference the capacity of talent that they hold.

"Our team has so much talent returning next year; we will be unstoppable," said Heger. "We will give every team a run for their money."

The team has many strengths that should propel them next season.

"There will be six seniors next year," said senior vocational rehabilitation major Gretchen Schroer. "They will have that leadership to take the team."

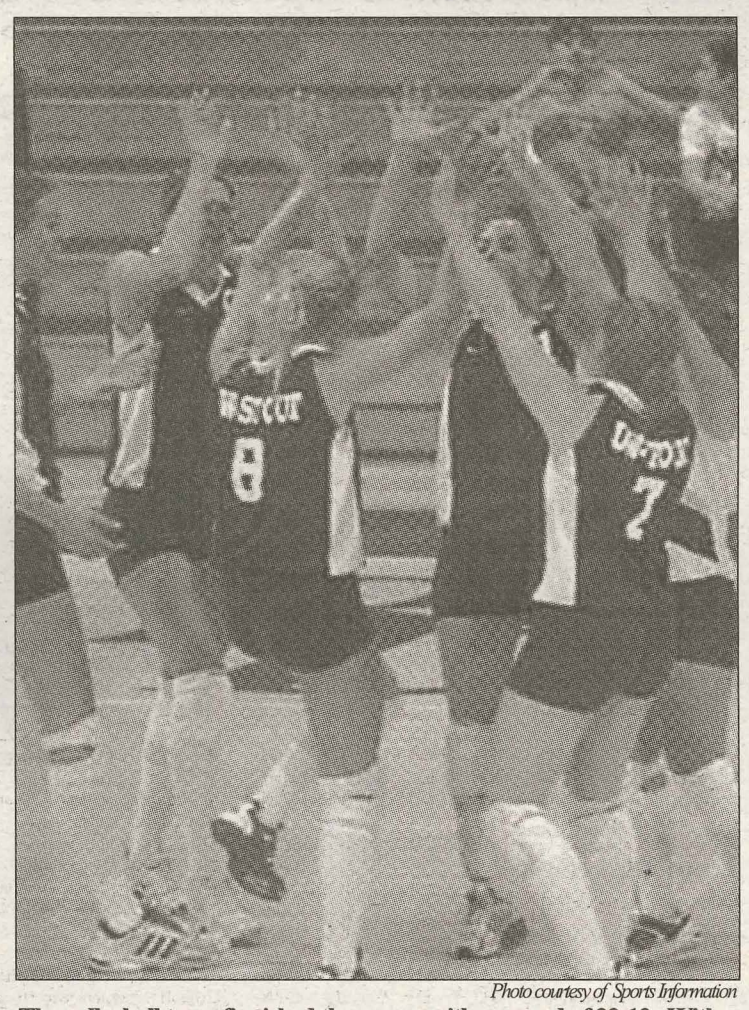


Photo courtesy of Sports Information

The volleyball team finnished the season with a record of 22-12. With a peak of victories late in the season, the team looks forward to next year.

The team is preparing for their non-traditional season in March and is focusing on off-season workouts.

Some key players this season were Schroer, who was named 1st Team WIAC, and Tanille Zenner, a sophomore in graphic communications management, who was named Honorable Mention WIAC.

Intramural ice hockey



DOUBLEOVERTIME
Wesley Simonis

Students who plan on playing intramural ice hockey next semester better be ready to buckle their chinstraps extra tight.

The turnout at the informational meeting, held on Nov. 10, was exceptional with a large number of students looking to get on the ice.

"I was very surprised at the turnout," said Scott Thorsen, a sophomore in general business administration. "There was 50 to 60 people in the meeting room, and people were also in the hallway."

Ice hockey is highly popular in the northern half of the U.S. and Canada. Most colleges in Wisconsin and Minnesota have a hockey team, and for an average player, getting a spot on the varsity team is not always easy.

Varsity sports take extra work and dedication that some students don't have time for. However, many students who played in high school would still like to be out on the ice in the winter.

This is the main reason Intramural ice hockey has the potential to become such a popular sport.

"I'm definitely excited to start playing," said Thorsen. "I haven't had the chance to play organized hockey since high school."

The games will be played at Baldwin United Civic Center, located a half hour drive from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Games have to be held in Baldwin, Wis, because the Dunn County Ice Arena cannot accommodate the Intramural League due to the time the facility closes and the amount of use it currently has with Menomonie and UW-Stout leagues.

The United Civic Center allows the Intramural Sports Coordinator to take care of the building, allowing the Intramural League to play until midnight.

In order for players to be a part of Intramural ice hockey, they will need their UW-Stout ID, pads and equipment.

The Intramural Sports Department is hiring UW-Stout students to officiate the Ice Hockey League, some of which are certified ice hockey officials.

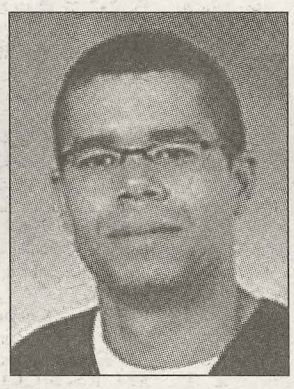
Games do not start until next semester, January 20. However, students are ready to lace up their skates and get out and play hockey.

The next meeting for Intramural ice hockey is on December 8. This meeting is for captains of teams already signed up.

The Intramural Sports Department was extremely pleased with the large turnout for the meeting.

"We are excited to offer Intramural ice hockey again," said Recreation Specialist Holly Demarce. "We were execited about the large turnout."

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Jeff Dotson

The Facts:
Hockey
senior
Chanhassen, Minn.
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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *The Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

Although the Universtiy of Wisconsin-Stout gave up a goal to Augsburg College in the first 37 seconds of the game, Jeff Dotson did everything but stand on his head to preserve a 5-2 win, Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Dunn County Ice Arena.

Dotson did not allow the second goal until late in the second period after a series of Augsburg power play opportunities.

From the third period on, Dotson completely shut out the Auggies, turning away 14 shots in the third period.

A series of Blue Devil goals helped take the pressure off Dotson in the later periods, allowing him to have a game total of 30 saves.

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Rugby team stomps competition



SPORTSTALK
Ryan Wessley

This past weekend the University of Wisconsin-Stout rugby team traveled to the Midwest Final Four Championship to take part in the final four of Division I rugby.

Although the Blue Devils came in fourth place, they competed against big-time schools such as Bowling Green Universtiy, Ohio State Universtiy and Purdue University.

UW-Stout rugby put up a valiant effort but lost to Bowling Green 34-17.

The Rugy team faced some fierce competion over the past weekend and throughout the season.

Even though this was their first season in Division I rugby, the team found a way to succeed in the end.

"We played and exceeded every expectation going into this season, playing in Division I for the first time this season and winning Wisconsin's conference for the 5th straight season was a great accomplishment of our team," said Max Zukowski a sophomore majoring in packaging.



Photo courtesy of UW-Stout rugby club

The men's rugby team has won the Wisconsin conference for the fifth straight time. This season they had the chance to play division one for the first time and competed in the Midwest Final Four.

The three teams that finished ahead of UW-Stout advanced to the National Championship, which will be played in the spring.

The loss to Bowling Green meant that UW-Stout didn't make the cut, but during the first season in Division I rugby, the team beat many tough teams in their path to success.

The previous weekend, the Blue Devils defeated Indiana University 25-22.

This game was the key win that gave the Blue Devils the chance to play in the Midwest Final Four of Rugby.

Playing in the Final Four gave the rugby players a great chance to succeed in a well recognized competittion.

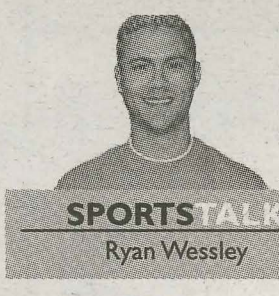
"The team stepped up to fill a lot of positions from past graduates,"said Justin Lattu, a sophomore majoring in graphic communications management. "Our team is very young and because of our young talent, the team will continue to build each season,"

This season's success contributes to UW-Stout rugby in more ways than being notorious for being victorious.

The successful streak of seasons will allow the rugby team to recruit many more potential players in years to come.

UW-Stout rugby is looking forward to the start of the spring season in March. The Blue Devils also will be able to recruit more players for the spring season. They are hoping to get the opportunity to again create a great team to represent the University.

Blue Devil basketball season begins



SPORTSTALK
Ryan Wessley

To say that fourth-year University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball coach Eddie Andrist is excited about getting the 2003-04 season underway could be an understatement.

As many as 12 players expected to significantly contribute to the team, and three senior players are at post: Nate Templer, Andy Bray and Jeff Vandenberghe. These players will be the cornerstone to any Blue Devil success.

The Blue Devils put together a seven-game winning streak midway through the 2002-03 season, finding themselves in first place at one point. The men also won four of five overtime games.

Balanced scoring was a key for UW-Stout last year as five players averaged double-digit scoring. Three of them were returning seniors.

Templer, who advanced to the NCAA Division III national track meet averaged 11.2 points and 5.7 rebounds per games.

Bray was the team's top scorer with 14.6 points and matched Templer's rebound totals.

Vandenberghe, the Blue Devils' leading threat from beyond the arc, averaged 10.4 points per game.

The Blue Devils will need to find a new point guard, a spot which was plagued by injury last year.

Nate Severson saw some time at the point last year, but is usually a shooting guard.

Returning sophomore Mike Lee, new transfer students Greg Chaisson and Isaac Reece and freshman Blake Craft are expected to compete for the spot.

Women's Basketball

A little tweak here, a little tweak there, and a strong group of returners; who have seen a great deal of success, should be the key to a strong season for UW-Stout. It's another run at the top conference spot this year under head coach Mark Thomas, who enters his 17th season.

UW-Stout averaged a conference-high 79.5 points a year ago.

Thomas returns seniors Laura Verdegan, Sara Kahl, Jessie Herrman and Bonnie Thoe; along with juniors Erin Churchill, Lindsey Erichsen and Jackie Ellsworth; and sophomores Steffanie Nemitz and Molly Hendricks to lead the squad's fast-paced attack.

Verdegan, an All-WIAC First Team and all-defensive team pick, who is also a track all-american, averaged 10.7 points and a team-high 6.3 rebounds a year ago.

UW-Stout led the confrence with a 56.7 field goal percentage.

Kahl averaged 9.9 points and 4.3 rebounds per game, while Herrman, who seems to be fully recovered from a season-ending knee injury two years ago, brings a point guard mentality to a wing guard spot.

Churchill ranked third in the conference with 3.48 assists per game and dropped in 7.1 points and 4.4 rebounds last season.

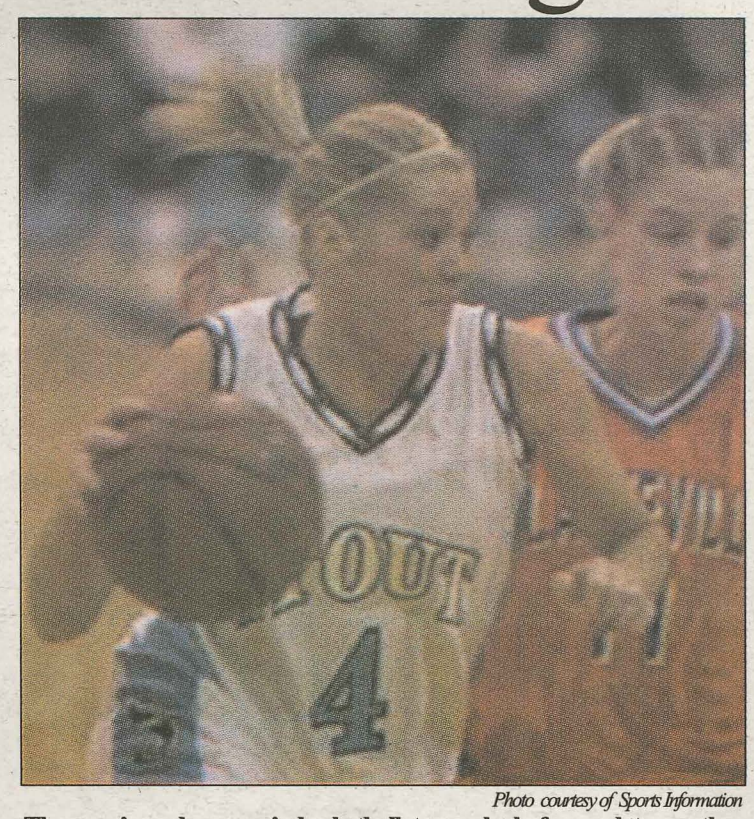


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The men's and women's basketball teams look forward to another promising season. Both teams were ranked 4th at the start of the season.

Erichsen is a two-time All-WIAC Honorable Mention pick and led the team in scoring with 11.7 points per game and 5.3 rebounds a year ago.

Ellsworth has battled injuries over the past three years, missing parts or all of two seasons, but looks to be ready at a guard spot.

A large group of first-year players will figure into the line-up, which sees 15 or more players a game.

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Mason Jennings makes another appearance at UW-Stout Nov. 21 in the Great Hall.

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StoutOne approaches one year

Mixed views abound about fees, revenues from Higher One

Tim Solfest

It's been one year since the StoutOne card revolutionized the ID card at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The card not only serves as an official university ID card, but for many students, it acts as their on-hand cash card.

The StoutOne card is produced by Higher One, a Connecticut-based financial institution that specializes in financial solutions for higher education institutions.

A university-led visioning team was put together to determine what features should be included with a campus ID card. The team felt that students wanted the flexibility to use the money that was on their ID cards off campus.

"Students' input [on the card] was almost solely based on survey data; students were not directly involved in the decision making process," said Dave Hay, president of the Stout Student Association.

In answering why it was important for students to be involved in the process he said, "The fact that areas are not a primary responsibility of students does not, however, preclude their active participation," citing the UW-Stout Policy Guidelines and Implementations of 36.09(5) Wisconsin Statues.

That document is the legal governing document concerning the operations of a university in regarding all decisions that affect students.

"Having noted this, I question whether students were active participants," said Hay in reference to the lack of student involvement in the planning stages of the student ID card.

Marilyn Mars, director of Purchasing Services asked for proposals from a wide variety of financial institutions.

Higher One won the bid to produce the university ID cards that would also function as debit cards if the user chose to activate that feature. A three-year contract with Higher One was signed by Purchasing Services.

After the contract was signed, a StoutOne committee was formed. A group of five students met with Joe Krier, director of Budget, Technology and Campus Card for Student Life Services. Krier oversees the campus responsibilities regarding the StoutOne card.

"For the people who use it at Stout, it's great; it's perfect," said Chris LaConte, the student representative for Higher One. "If they choose not to activate it [the debit feature], then they don't have to."

"Another cool thing is if you and a friend go to lunch and it costs $10, one person pays it on their card and the other person can pay them back online when they get back to the dorm," said LaConte.

LaConte is not paid by the university or Higher One for his involvement in representing students for the card; however, he was given an internship by Higher One last summer where he was paid as a sales representative.

"I think that's bunk because he [LaConte] could tend to favor Higher One," said Kevin Kauth, a senior in graphic communications management.

Students were required to activate their StoutOne cards online regardless of whether or not they wanted to activate the debit card feature.

"The default settings [for activation] were set to put the money into the [One Account]; that wasn't right," said Katy Wild, a senior in multimedia design.

According to Krier, students have the ability to change their preferences at any time by logging on to the Web site at http://www.uwstoutone.com.

In the beginning of the semester, ATM machines in the Memorial Student Center were occasionally out of money because students were draining the ATMs in order to withdraw money from their financial aid refund.

"I didn't think it was cool that you could only take out a certain amount per day," Wild said. "I know some people couldn't get [their] money from the ATMs."

There is some concern that Higher One and UW-Stout are making money off of students through the use of the card.

"Higher One nor the university are making money off the refund process," Krier said. "The card is revenue producing in the fact that when students use the card, merchants pay a fee that is common with any credit card. That revenue is shared between the university and MasterCard."

The revenue generated by the university goes towards funding the StoutOne card program on campus.

Some students were unaware of the extra fees that go along with the StoutOne card.

For example, if students sign up for a checking account, they can use three free checks per month. Any checks beyond that cost $0.25 per check.

Students who have technical difficulties or bank problems with their accounts are able to call Higher One; however, if an individual makes more than two calls per month they are charged $2.00 per call by Higher One.

If students choose to withdraw money from their StoutOne card using a foreign ATM machine, which are ATMs besides the two located on campus, they are charged the normal fee for using that ATM by the bank in addition to a $0.50 surcharge by Higher One.

"The contract with Higher One is legal and binding," Hay said. "The question is when the contract is up, will students be at the table? We're now setting precedence; we will be at the table. I've contacted Marilyn Mars on this issue."

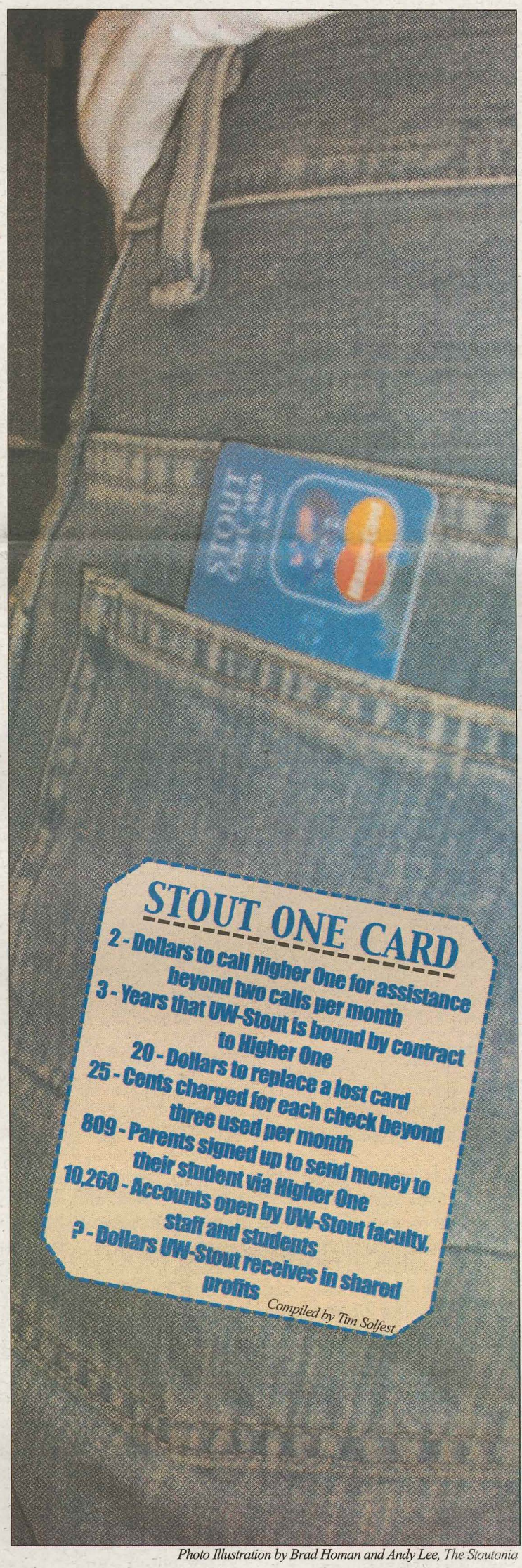


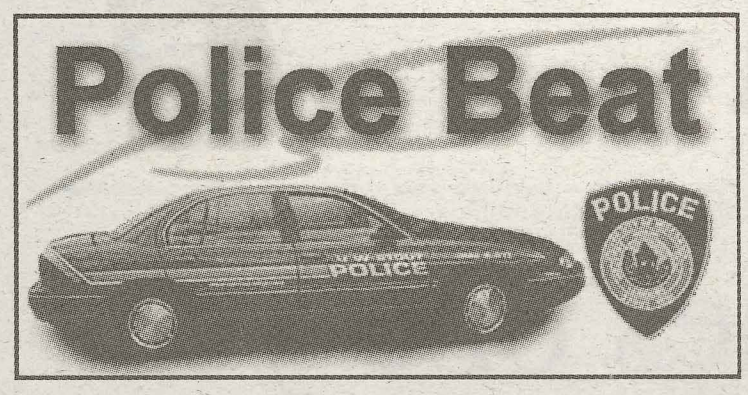
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Weekend Weather

Friday: High 43° Low 32° Snow Showers
Saturday: High 37° Low 24° Wintry Mix
Sunday: High 29° Low 22° Snow Showers

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Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Monthly fire alarm tests
On Nov. 11, routine monthly fire alarm checks were completed in the Administration building, Bowman Hall, Child and Family Study Center, Communication Technologies, Fryklund Hall, Harvey Hall, Home Economics, Jarvis Hall Science Wing, Louis Smith Tainter House, Physical Education, Vocational Rehabilitation and Student Health Center. University officers found that room 325 in the Administration building was left unlocked and there were no audio alarms by room 201K in Vocational Rehabilitation and by room 302 in Harvey Hall.

Stolen bike
On Nov. 12, a student living in South Hall reported his bicycle stolen from the bicycle rack outside the C cube of South Hall. He had locked the bike to the rack on Nov. 7 with a cable and lock. He noticed it missing on Nov. 10. The bike is worth approximately $100.

Ghosts in record storage?
On Nov. 12, an employee in University Services reported that during the past week, the door to records storage had been shut, but left unlocked. The employee suggested that university officers check the door periodically and place a sign on it reading "Keep This Door Locked."

Fire alarm tests, part 2
On Nov. 12, routine monthly fire alarm checks were completed in Applied Arts, Micheels Hall, Jarvis Hall Technology Wing, Library Learning Center and University Services. No discrepancies were found.

Stolen bicycle seat
On Nov. 17, a student living in Tustison Hall reported his bicycle seat stolen over the weekend. The seat's estimated value is under $100. The student noticed other bicycle seats missing from the same area.

Stolen bike
On Nov. 17, a student living in Wigen Hall reported his bicycle stolen from its locked position on a handrail near the hall. The bike is worth approximately $400.

Laptop program reviewed

Becky Hartung

Charles Sorensen has a 14-year-old grandson who is a proficient web designer.

While Sorensen, the Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, may not be able to keep up with his grandson's technological background, he is making waves to ensure that college students of the future will have the option of attending a state school on top of the cutting edge of technology.

UW-Stout is two years into the roll out of its laptop initiative. All freshmen have been required to lease a laptop computer for classroom use.

"K through 12 students should expect at least the same amount of technology at college; we want to offer them the best," said Sorensen.

Students lease either a Compaq or Apple computer, depending on their major's requirements, for $37.50 a credit. Every two years, students have the option to upgrade.

Upon completing a typical 124-credit major, a student will pay $4,650 for use of the laptop, 100 MB of network space, wired classrooms, full-service help desk, key server programs and completely wireless campus.

"Sure, you can buy a laptop for under $1,000, but it really wouldn't work well without all the utilities we provide," said Sorensen.

UW-Stout students share mixed reactions to the laptop program.

"I don't feel they're getting their money's worth," said Adam Dewitz, a senior majoring in graphic communications management (GCM) and participant in one of the original laptop pilot programs. "In the long term, they're paying a lot of money for something that isn't personalized for their individual needs."

However, some feel that the benefits outweigh the cost.

"It's easier to take notes, and I have a lot less paper and books to carry," said Katie Cantwell, a freshman majoring in graphic design.

One direct result of the laptop program is the switch to becoming a paperless campus. Lectures are posted to Blackboard or E-Scholar and quizzes are taken via computer. In addition, students are encouraged to become active participants in the learning process and seek out information from each other and the professor.

"Our purpose is technology; we're using technology to teach technology," said Len Bogner, a newer GCM assistant professor. "The laptops were one of the things that excited me about coming here."

Bogner feels laptops help students build problem solving and critical thinking skills and uses them as a tool to achieve his theory of the three-legged chair of learning. According to Bogner, learning should be competency based; students need to know how to do a task.

Learning should also be student-centered; students should explore different processes for task completion and understand why a certain option is more optimal. The result of these factors leads to the improvement of the cognitive domain.

Unlike Bogner, not all professors have actively embraced the laptops. Some professors are still using overheads and have opted not to complete the lengthy process of transferring lectures to digital format.

"People my age just have a harder time dealing with technology because we weren't raised with it," said Sorensen.

George Smeaton, a psychology professor, was involved in training professors to utilize the laptops in the classroom.

"Some professors are embarrassed that they don't know a whole lot about computers," Smeaton said. "Professors are not paid [to attend training], but they are asked to. ... I'm glad [about the laptop program], but there may need to be more groundwork done to show how to use it."

Approximately seven years of planning and hur-

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Helder still receiving treatment, may not stand trial

Crystal Miller

Former University of Wisconsin-Stout student Luke Helder may never be able to stand trial.

Helder is accused of the May 2002 pipe bomb spree in which 18 pipe bombs were placed in rural mailboxes across Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas, in an attempt to make a smiley face.

Although the bombs were planted in five different states, none were detonated in Nebraska, Colorado and Texas. The bombs that were detonated injured six people.

In some cases, signed, handwritten letters were placed with the bombs. The content of the letters expressed a belief that there is no death and if one fears death, they are forced to conform to society.

According to Helder's former UW-Stout roommate James Patrick Devine, Helder had made some comments about death and out-of-body experiences.

According to Mark Heavrin, Special Agent of the FBI, Helder's father contacted Minnesota law enforcement and told them he was concerned his son was involved with the bombings because he had received an envelope from his son containing a typed letter, a handwritten letter and a cover page entitled "Explosions."

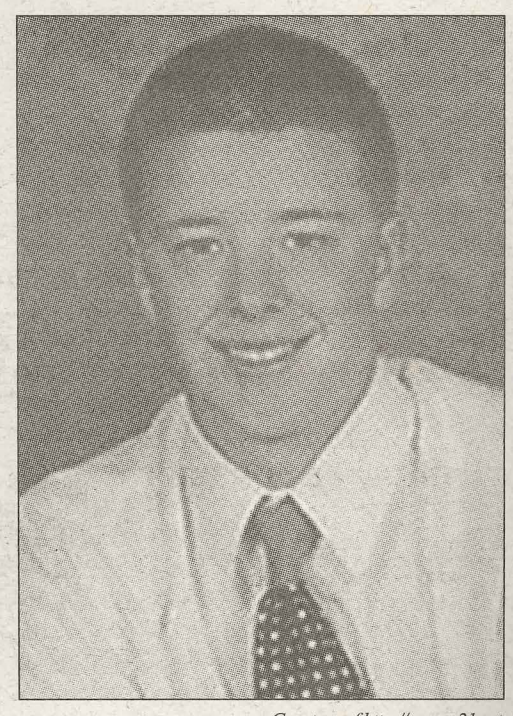
Helder later confessed to placing the bombs. He has since been receiving psychiatric treatment at a federal prison hospital in Rochester, Minn. Helder is originally from Pine Island, Minn.

In September, Helder's treatment was extended another four months under a law deeming defendants incompetent to stand trial. Legal experts say if he still does not respond to any treatment, he may never be tried for the crimes.

"Successful insanity pleas are very unusual, and those who are successful are likely to be incarcerated for a longer period of time than those found to be guilty and sane," said George Smeaton, a psychology professor at UW-Stout.

"If they decide that he cannot stand trial because he currently can't comprehend the charges filed against him, it is possible that he could, through therapy, recover enough to be able to stand trial [at a later date]," Smeaton said.

A status conference is scheduled for February 10 to review Helder's progress and to determine what further actions may be necessary.



Courtesy of http://www.g21.net

Luke Helder, a former University of Wisconsin-Stout student, is accused of placing 18 pipe bombs across the country in May of 2002.

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Democrats campaign for 2004

Amanda Herr

As the new year nears, presidential campaigns are gearing up for the state primaries that will begin in January.

This will be Rep. Dick Gephardt's, D-Mo., second attempt at a run for the presidency, He previously ran in the 1988 primaries.

"I'm running for president because I'm tired of leadership that's left us isolated in the world and stranded here at home," Gephardt said in his announcement for candidacy.

The democratic candidates are debating many issues, but many of them are vowing to do things differently than the current republican president, George W. Bush.

"He (President Bush) said he'd fight for education," Gephardt said. "Yet now he's trying to cut his own education plan, so local schools don't stand a chance of meeting their goals.

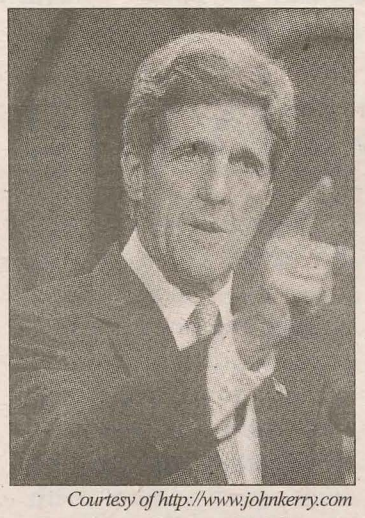
"What kind of education plan tries to add by subtracting?"

One of Sen. John Kerry's, D-Mass., platforms is college affordability.



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Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.



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Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.



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Dennis Kucinich, D

According to Kerry's campaign Web site, the Bush administration has left states with nearly $90 billion in budget deficits, forcing them to cut higher education budgets.

The state of Wisconsin is no exception. The University of Wisconsin System budget for 2003-2004 was cut by $250 million.

"If we're going to be a country where our economy is on the move, we need to make sure our young people can make the move to college," Kerry said in a press release. "We need the courage to stand up and say it is high time we made four years of college as universal and as affordable as a high school education is today."

According to Kerry, the graduation rate at four-year colleges has fallen to 54 percent in recent years.

Kerry's plan to help students complete college includes stopping rising tuition costs with $50 billion that would come from his State Tax Relief and Education Fund.

Democratic candidate Dennis Kucinich would like to see the United States withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Kucinich believes that U.S. participation in these agreements has made companies leave the country in search of low wages, low commodity prices, anti-union climates and lax environmental laws.

"The only way to undo the damage these trade deals have caused is to end them," Kucinich said in a press release. "The NAFTA and WTO treaties include legal clauses permitting the signatory countries to withdraw from them at any time, following a routine notification period.

"As president, I will invoke these withdrawal clauses and once and for all take America out of an unfair system of corporate trade."

Kucinich is also committed to repealing the controversial Patriot Act, which authorizes the government to search individuals' medical, library and student records without probable cause.

"It is time for the United States to rejoin the world community in the interests of international security," Kucinich said in a press release. "I am running for president to completely change the direction of U.S. foreign and domestic policy."

Wisconsin's presidential primary will be held on February 17.

"A presidential campaign is a contest for votes," Gephardt said. "But it's also a contest of ideas. Some politicians say give me your support, and I'll figure out the issues later. Well, I'm in this to fight for your jobs, not merely to win one for myself."

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dle jumping were needed to move the initiative to where it is today. Once faculty had been persuaded, administration went on benchmarking trips.

"At Winona, students stopped us in the hallway to say 'Do this for your students!'" said Joe Brown, UW-Stout's Chief Information Officer.

A request for proposals was sent out, vendors were chosen, pilot programs were started, faculty was trained and a portal was created.

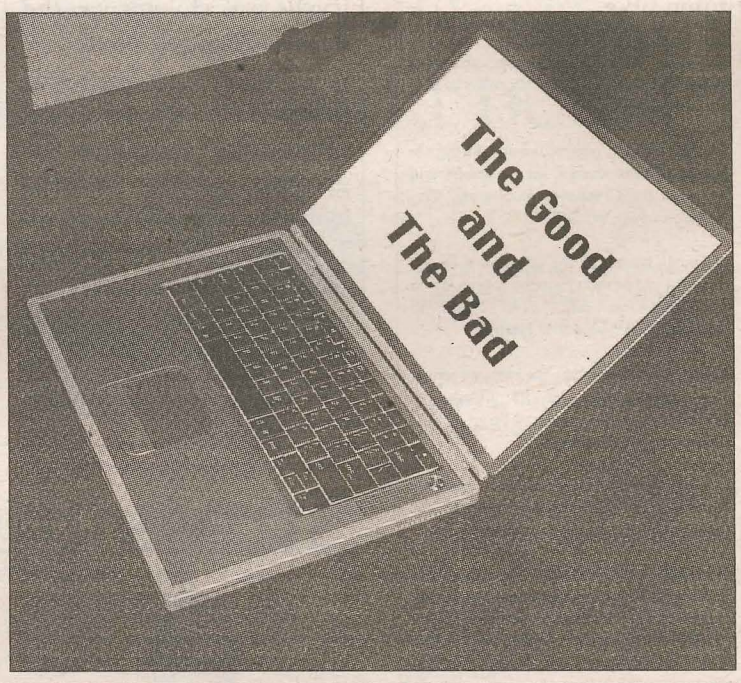
"The first year [pilot program] computers didn't have enough memory to be fully functional," said Brown.

Sorensen advises other organizations considering going wireless to conduct a pilot program and slowly roll through implementation so that it will be possible to adapt to problems.

However, students involved in the pilot program feel like they were used as guinea pigs.

"Those involved in the GCM pilot program only got to use their computers their freshman year," said Shanna Hass, a senior majoring in GCM. "Now we can't utilize the key server unless we personally pay to upgrade our operating system, so all the programs I received through my major are useless."

More information on the laptop initiative can be found online at http://www.uwstout.edu/laptop.





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Thanksgiving gives us food



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

It's time to give it up for Thanksgiving. Let's take a quick look at this gateway to the holiday season and see if we can muster up some portion of gratitude for all that we have here in these united states, and in particular, here in our small academic community.

First of all, we have a fraction of hard-liner instructors who insist on testing their classes on the Tuesday before the turkey break. In contrast, we have the grateful instructors, the realists, who know full well that no one will show up in class on Monday or Tuesday and accept it as an extension of the Thanksgiving break.

For the hard-liners, the be-there-or-be-penalized philosophy simplifies the grading process because everyone who shows up on Tuesday gets an A, and those that don't get a C.

The realists, in their infinite wisdom, smile and say on Friday, "Have a nice holiday."

So, we students accept the grade point penalty, turn our backs on our favorite microwave appliances, stuff our filthy laundry into plastic bags and head for home in anticipation of spending some quality time with our parent's refrigerators and cooking.

Oh yeah, and some football. Somewhere in our constitution there is an amendment that reads something like this:

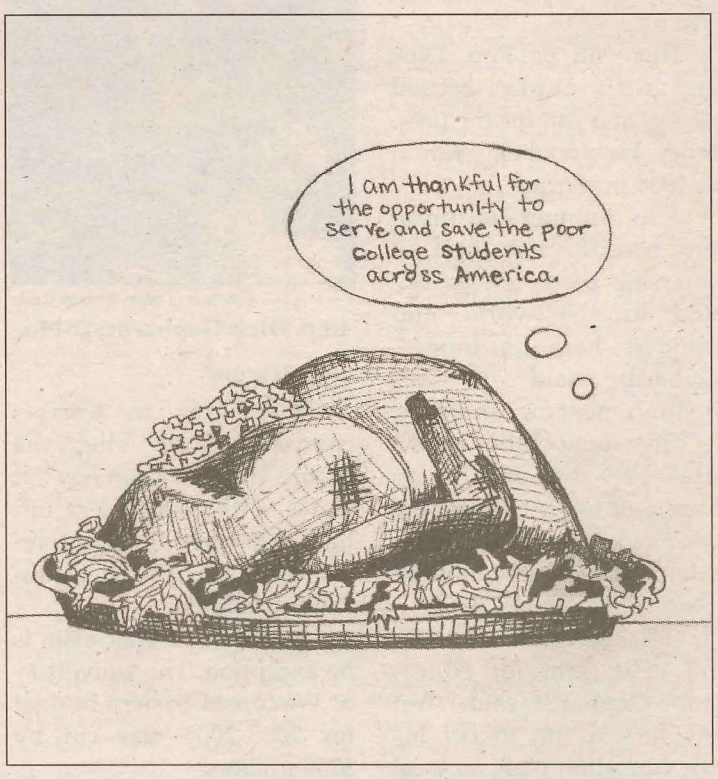
"Whosoever may be burdened by overindulgence as part and parcel of the feast of giving thanks, shall withdraw to the family room, tune into the football game of choice and assume a reclining position for the rest of the day."

We're certain there is a clause about occasional trips to the kitchen for another piece of pie or a hot turkey and gravy sandwich, but we can't quote it exactly.

What do you think our president is giving thanks for?

Certainly, he must be thankful for reinforcing his peaceful personna after pardoning two turkeys from the death sentence.

Unless, of course, this year the turkeys are dressed up like Osama and Saddam, in which case, they will be promptly 'taken out' to set an example for the rest of the terrorist turkeys out there.



If you pass a turkey farm on your way to the local mega-discount department store on the day after Thanksgiving, give the flock a salute for the ultimate sacrifice they make. Turkeys know the true meaning of term limits.

It seems to us that we need to have an honest-to-goodness day of Thanksgiving. People need to occasionally interrupt the long string of days of misgivings.

We must remind one another that we have much to be grateful for, in spite of the seemingly endless series of catastrophes and tragedies that rock the earth's boat.

Be grateful for your life and the opportunities that are available to you, and be grateful for those who love you. Be grateful you live in a democracy that has a constitution that can be amended, and be grateful for your parent's refrigerators.

Stressing out can equal flipping out



DEAR RIGHTER
Michelle Erdmann

Are you feeling the pressure of school yet? I sure am, and I know I'm not alone.

The semester is more or less smooth sailing until November hits. From then on you can say good-bye to any social life or sleep for that matter.

All that is left of the semester are projects, deadlines, exams and of course, endless amounts of reading. All this hits in every single class at the same moment. This is not a minor coincidence; it is a conspiracy that will inevitably kill off the student body due to sky-rocketing stress.

When I find myself twitching from exploding stress levels, I try to even out my system by drinking massive amounts of coffee and smoking massive amounts of cigarettes. This only keeps me alert and sane for a brief moment.

Would you like a mental picture of what my brain would say if it could be displayed as a screen saver? It would be crooked letters, misspelled, that read, 'Brain Overload.'

Hopefully some of you have a healthier approach to handling stress than I do. The unfortunate thing is that most probably don't. I wish I could say that I see a majority of well-defined, studious individuals who get rid of stress in useful ways, but that's not the case.

Here are some examples of stress relievers I've seen around campus lately; there are those who try to clear the blood stream of stress by filling it with large quantities of alcohol. While this is a fun approach, it is not the wisest, because it usually results in stupidity and a hangover.

Or there are those who go to the gym to 'exorcise the demons.' I saw this approach used by a young student on the elliptical runner in the field house. I thought she was on steroids, because her eyes were bulging out of their sockets, and she was running so fast that she resembled a spastic hamster.

Then there's some who literally clean, to cleanse themselves of stress. A counter looks like a row of sparkling diamonds, but it's not clean enough for them. They scrub, straighten and dust anything they get their eyes on. These people are often similar to someone on crack, cleaning and moving at the speed of lightening. Mr. Clean even has to tell them to RELAX.

So, the question is not so much how we students handle stress, but how the professors feel. I'd really like to know what they're doing while we're running around with our heads chopped off.

I can just imagine them meeting to discuss their plan of destruction. Dr. Evil-like laughter would echo across campus drowning out every house party and bar's music.

If you were to peek through the window, you'd see a room full of professors with devils' tails wagging behind them. They would be clasping their hands, twiddling their fingers and rocking back and forth in a trance like motion.

Is this believable or does anyone have a better guess? Well, whatever it is they're doing, I hope they're enjoying the show.

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Letters to the Editor

Only six?

I was very surprised to see your article about the Democratic Candidates of the 2004 election. I appreciate your attempt to inform the student body of the issue at hand, but I fear that you may have come up short on information. The article "Candidates Prepare for '04" written by Chdelsea Rickert focuses on six of the candidates currently vying for the Democratic ticket.

If you ever do any research at the Stoutonia, you may find out that there are nine main candidates running. These nine candidates have been actively debating each other and all deserve equal time in your publication.

The three candidates left out of the article (Kucinich, Kerry, and Gephardt) have views as well that need to be viewed by your readers if they are using your publication as a frame of reference for the upcoming primaries.

I hope that you rectify this situation, for I feel that a misinformed public is one of the shortcomings of our society, and one of the reasons for poor voter turnout. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Luke Matyska
Concerned Voter

Mr. Matyska,

Thank you for writing in and expressing your opinions here in our student body's newspaper.

The Stoutonia is running a piece on the three candidates this week.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Missed a couple there

I am responding to last weeks article on the Democratic Presidential Candidates. You mentioned six candidates, but there are actually 9 running for President. Dennis Kucinich was one of the 3 left out, and I don't understand why.

He is the only Democratic Candidate who voted against the War in Iraq, and he is the only one with a clear exit strategy. If elected he would create a Department of Peace, which would make nonviolence an organizing principle in America, as well as internationally. He would withdraw this country from NAFTA and the WTO, which are putting a huge burden on workers, family farmers, and the environment.

Dennis would provide a full employment economy, as well as health care for everyone. He would also lead this country down a road of Peace and Diplomacy, instead of fear and greed.

The other 8 Democratic Candidates do not have the same passion and energy to make change in our country. They just want to beat Bush. Dennis is running for the people of America, not corporations.

It's time for our nation stand up and elect an individual who will return the power of the government back to the people.

(If anyone would like to get involved with the Kucinich Campaign you can go to www.kucinich.us, or contact Pete @ (715) 233-1404. Thanks.)

Peter Woitock
UW-Stout Student

Mr. Woitock,

Thanks for writing in. You make a good point for one of the nine frontrunners in the democratic party.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Thanks, you were great

Last month I visited your campus to learn more about the first Baldrige Award recipient in higher education and to study perceptions of faculty members and students regarding their campus.

At Stout I found excellent conditions to work on my project. I was lucky to meet so many people who shared their valuable time with me by introducing me to their work and departments, inviting me to meetings and classes, discussing issues with me, participating in my survey, and last but not least sharing their personal positive as well as critical perceptions regarding the UW Stout. I appreciate the openness of our conversations and the interest in my work that I experienced every day.

I would like to thank every single person I met for adding value to my research. I enjoyed my visit at Stout and in Menomonie and I will always look back on it with gratitude and pride in being part of your campus life for three weeks.

There are too many people to name them all, but let me name at least the two most important people for me: Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe and Wendy Dittmann. Julie gave me a kind of an "academic home" on campus and Wendy together with her husband Bill Porter shared their private home with me. Thank you for your hospitality and generosity.

To all the people I met: Thank you for the opportunity to learn about your daily work and challenges, for the friendly welcome and the support I got, and for the valuable time you shared with me.

Dr. Corrina Herold
Leipzig, Germany
(cherold@tiscali.de)

Dr. Herold,

It's great to have a letter from overseas. Thanks for writing in. *The Stoutonia* is glad to hear you enjoyed your time in Menomonie.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Omelets, Mmm



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

As I sit writing this article, well, actually I'm typing, I am eating a delicious omelet. This might seem too trivial to comment on, but it has caused me to develop an interesting perspective on life, a theory if you will.

As the melted cheese slides out and catches in my goatee, I can't help but think that this time frame, while eating this omelet, is probably the happiest I have been in a while.

As you all know, the end of the semester is nearing, and as deadlines draw closer and brains become increasingly tired, people tend to get very stressed out.

So why was I talking about omelets before? Well, I'm glad you asked.

People need to feel better when they are under the weather, and what better way than to eat an omelet, besides the nutritional value I mean? I think that if one person eats an omelet and feels pretty good afterwards, he might hold the door for someone, and that person would in turn perform another nice act.

Oh, wait, this is sounding a lot like the movie, "Pay It Forward." Well, if they try to sue me, I'll bring up the fact that my plan has omelets involved while theirs clearly does not.

At any rate, I guess what I mean to say is that if we all just had an omelet whenever we were feeling down then a lot less people would be cranky. I hope that's true for everyone and there isn't just something wrong with my omelet.

I implore you, dear reader, to not just think of omelets as a chicken embryo with curdled milk inside because an omelet is so much more. By pure fact of fixings alone, omelets are a miraculous food, and simply taking the time to choose said fixings is relaxing enough.

Omelets help you to get your mind off school and work for, all while giving you some needed protein. Hey, everybody can use more protein. But, if you'll excuse me, I'm right in the middle of an omelet, and I'd really like to finish it.

Water wasters would benefit



GREENSENSE
Elizabeth Bailey



courtesy http://www.watercorporation.com.au/water/savingwater_showerheads.cfm

Get a rebate on this money saving showerhead online at http://www.watercorporation.com.au/water/savingwater_showerheads.cfm. Or read *The Stoutonia* online to more easily get the link.

How many of you enjoy waking up in the cold winter morning to take a hot shower that lasts 10 minutes or longer? And while you're taking that shower do you ever consider just how much it is costing you, or how much water you've been wasting while daydreaming the water down the drain?

Over one third of the water you use is in the shower. On average, it costs 10 cents per minute each time you shower. That might not sound like a whole lot of money but consider if you were to shower every other day versus 1-2 times a day. If you need the hot water to help you relax, a bath is a much better solution.

So, if that grosses you out, maybe it would be helpful to know that by showering more than you need to you are actually causing more damage to your skin and hair. It makes sense then why our skin gets drier the longer we shower, and as the weather gets colder, the water temperature rises.

You can buy water efficient showerheads ranging from $5 to $20 that will more than return that money by reducing your water bill. Using an efficient showerhead, you can save up to 3,300 liters of water per person, per year; saving you up to $85 dollars a year in your water and electricity charges!

If you live off campus, you can save on your water heating costs by using an insulation blanket on your hot water tank and insulation tubes on your hot water pipes. This will keep your water hot and use less energy!

Flushing your toilet is obviously a necessity, so please do continue to do it. However, try this water saving tip I've just recently read about. Fill a one-quart plastic bottle with water for each toilet in your house. By placing one bottle in each tank, you will save one quart of water per flush.

One of the most inefficient machines created is the dishwasher. If you must use one, be sure it is packed as full as humanly possible. Older dishwashers use up to 50 liters per load, Which means you should be able to throw some laundry in with your dishes as well, to be sure it's a full load.

Contrary to the way American's live, our world is not full of an endless supply of natural resources. What we don't realize is that due to pollution, we are able to use less and less of it for our everyday purposes.

Now more than ever, we need to preserve our water by using some of these tips to reduce our water consumption.

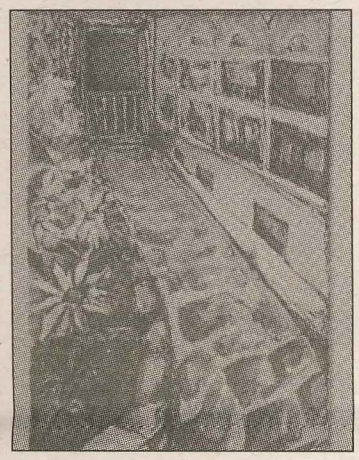
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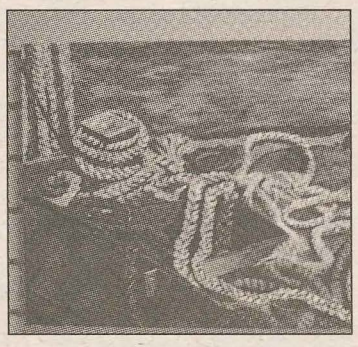
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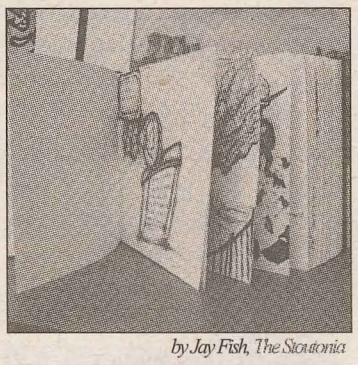
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An artistic view of the British









by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

(above) Artwork from the summer program in London is displayed in the Birch gallery. (botton left) artist: Sara Osborn (bottom middle) artist: Scott Gundersen (bottom right) Roland Krager.

Diana Minea

Art students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout often associate studio art classes with long hours in small classrooms.

Subject matter is usually limited to still life set-ups or two-dimensional images. The summer art program in London, England offers students an opportunity to incorporate the outside world into their artwork.

The Birch Gallery opened an exhibit on November 14 to show the work of the 16 students who went on the London trip in the summer of 2003.

The show features only a small sample of the artwork that was created in the one-month excursion.

"The pieces in the gallery are all amazing," said Kristen Langman, a recent graduate from the graphic design program. "They express all of our individual experiences."

Each piece in the show has a different style and technique applied, even though many share the same subject matter. Most are depictions of landscapes including cityscapes, rivers and foliage.

"[I gained inspiration] from the surrounding environment and the people within it," said Roland Krager, a senior majoring in studio art. "Everything in that city has its own unique flavor, and I found myself wanting to explore and record all of it."

On the trip, students were encouraged to experiment with different types of media they weren't accustomed to working with.

"The relatively large amount of watercolors and pastels in the exhibit is a result of many students trying these media for the first time," said retired professor Charles Wimmer, who directed the program.

Other forms of media the students used were acrylic paints, pencils and collages.

Each student was required to produce around 20 pieces of work using a variety of art tools and expected to keep a sketchbook journal as well.

Krager is one student whose sketchbook journal became a part of the exhibit. His sketchbook features daily entries combined with related sketches that both verbally and visually illustrate his London experience.

"[My favorite piece in the show is] my sketch book! It is the raw reflection of who I am and what that trip meant to me," said Krager. "I remember feeling very intense about what I drew and wrote in it, and I was very adamant that what I recorded in that book always meant something to me."

Only a few sketchbooks are featured in the show. Most pieces are on canvas or paper and hang on the wall in the gallery.

One piece that stands out partially due to its size and realism is an acrylic painting by Scott Gunderson, a graphic design major.

It features a rope used to tie up a boat. From afar the rope looks very realistic, while the water in the background doesn't seem as life-like and is made up of different colored brush strokes that emit a feeling similar to Vincent Van Gogh's work.

Sarah Osborn, a senior majoring in graphic design, drew a great deal of her inspiration from buildings.

"I chose to do a lot of traditional architectural pieces," said Osborn. "I don't have access to those types of historical markers around here."

One piece of Osborn's in the exhibit is a watercolor painting of a building with sunflowers in front of it. It features a semi-realistic feeling that is sketchy in its pen work but concise in its paint application. The yellow of the sunflowers stand out from the brown building and path, giving the piece depth.

The show won't be in the Birch Gallery in the Memorial Student Center for much longer. The pieces are in the back right corner of the room, behind the partition.

Students that are interested in participating in the 2004 London summer art program should visit the Office of International Education on the fourth floor of Bowman Hall as soon as possible; the program fills quickly.

Student reigns as nationally ranked speaker

Lindsey Schuldt

Imagine preparing for a speech; you only have 30 minutes to pick a topic, research it and put together a seven-minute speech, all in front of judges.

A University of Wisconsin-Stout student is so good at it, that he has been to national competitions for the past four years.

John Fonstad, a senior in manufacturing engineering competes with the UW-Stout Forensics team in extemporaneous speaking.

"This is an extraordinary accomplishment,"said Susan Collie, a speech, language, music and theater instructor who is co-coaching the forensics team.

Fonstad has been the only UW-Stout student to appear at forensics nationals in the past four years. In order to qualify for nationals, Fonstad had to rank in the top eight of three combined competitions.

"Sometimes you get lucky if you're given a topic you enjoy, and you have a file on it," Fonstad said.

He carries a box full of magazines on all subjects around with him to all competitions. He has them filed according to subject and once given a topic.

Once given the topic, Fonstad must research it enough to put the information he has into a seven-minute speech.

When it is his turn to speak, Fonstad is given a piece of paper with three topics on it, and he chooses one of the topics to speak on.

The questions he is asked range from 'Will Hillary Clinton run for president in the next presidential election?' to 'What does Roh Moo-hyun's departure from the Millennium Democratic Party signal for South Korean politics?'

"I was really focused on making it into at least third place," Fonstad said. "After all the names were read, and I knew I was in the top three, the nervousness left."

Next spring, Fonstad gets an almost all expense paid trip to Long Beach, Ca. where he will compete at the state university.

It is a three-day tournament that has about 15 to 20 sessions in the first round with about six speakers at each session. This lasts for the first two days, and the third day is finals. Last year, Fonstad placed in the top teens, but the 11th spot was the cutoff for finals.

"The key is to prepare as well as possible in the shortest amount of time after you have your topic," Fonstad said. "That way you can prepare for the delivery because you lose points if it is bad."

Now that he is already qualified in extemporaneous speaking, Fonstad is trying his hand in impromptu speaking. He can qualify for up to six events at nationals, as long as he ranked in the top eight in each of the additional categories.

There is still plenty of time for Fonstad to reach his goal of going to nationals in impromptu speaking, as well as other forensics members to qualify for nationals.

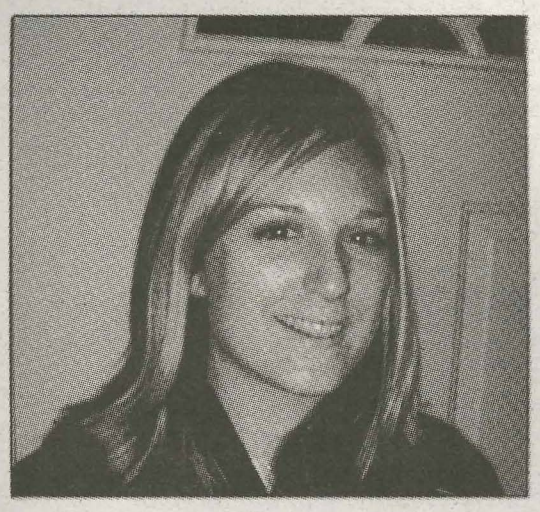
"It's still really early in the season," Fonstad said. "We still have eight more tournaments left so there's still a lot of opportunities."

Even if Fonstad doesn't make it into the final day at nationals, he said he would still be satisfied with just getting to go.

"Staying for the finals is the best. No matter what happens, you still get the chance to watch really amazing speakers."

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STOUT WATCH



Amy L. Frost - 21
retail merchandising and management

Hometown: Hager City, Wis.
Relationship status: not married, not engaged

What are your plans for the summer after you graduate?
Go back to Scotland and travel, travel, travel!!!

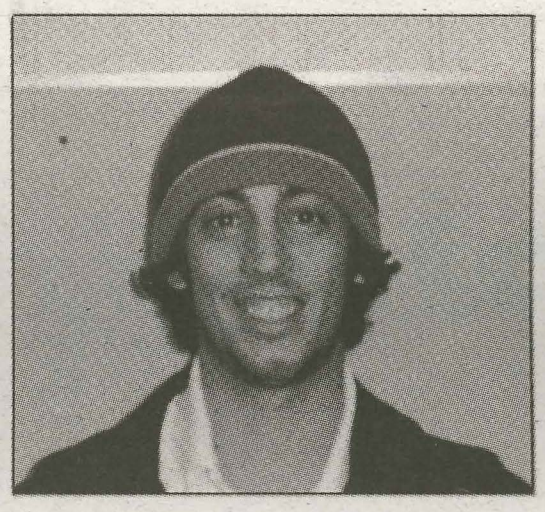
What events would make a perfect day for you?
I would consider a perfect day to be...drinking piña coladas in an exotic place with 75+ degree weather, with 27 of my good friends, listening to Bob Marley and getting to choose from an unending plethora of food all day long!

What's your favorite food at Thanksgiving dinner?
Mashed potatoes and gravy.

If you were a photographer, what subject would you take photos of?
I would take random pictures of people and landscapes.

What strikes you first about someone you meet?
First, their disposition, then their eyes and their smile, unless there is something really unique about them, then I would notice their unique feature first.

Describe your ideal date:
I would like to go somewhere I have never been before. Then I would like to go out to eat somewhere with a good atmosphere and end the night at a fun club in another country.



Nate S. Karnitz - 22
general business

Hometown:
St. Louis Park, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single

What are your plans for the summer after you graduate?
I am looking into taking an intensive Spanish language course at Kolumbus University in Equador. After I have learned enough Spanish I would like to be placed in an internship in Quito, Equador.

What events would make a perfect day for you?
I would wake up to a hot, sunny day. Roll out of bed and play a round of golf; then it's off to the beach with a few beers. To end the day, I would relax with a night of playing pool at the Market.

What's your favorite food at Thanksgiving dinner?
Grandma's mashed potatoes.

If you were a photographer, what subject would you take photos of?
Hugh Hefner's my idol, so probably women...fully clothed of course.

What strikes you first about someone you meet?
Attitude and willingness to have an open mind but also a smile.

Describe your ideal date:
Menomonie doesn't have the greatest setting for a date, so I'd suggest rollerblading around the lakes in Minneapolis, then maybe dinner and some live music.

Questions and photos compiled by Ann Syrstad, The Stoutonia

Stout Watch is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students. If you have question ideas for Stout Watch or want to see someone featured, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Slant



"Guns and Roses on the beach in Brazil."

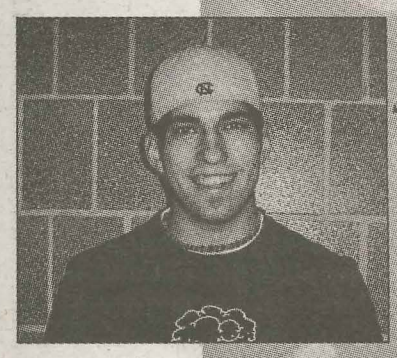
Jessie Dehn
apparel design
sophomore



"All American Rejects in Bora Bora."

Grace Sanfilippo
general business
senior

If you could hear any band play at any location, who would it be and where would it be?

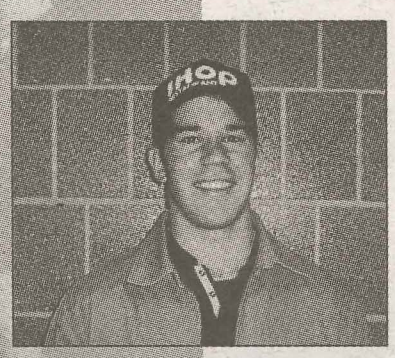


"Jessica Simpson singing the Sweetest Sin under a waterfall with me."

Logan Erickson
industrial design
sophomore

"The guys who sang for Milli Vanilli in Compton, Boo-yah!"

Reed Crawford
industrial design
sophomore



Next Week:

If aliens landed at UW-Stout where would you take them and why?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"Time to regain my sanity by stuffing my face with turkey!"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

With the end of the semester so close, many students are feeling the pressure of final projects piling up. I've noticed students shacking up in computer labs and library cubes, often spending late nights to meet deadlines.

Social life is on the backburner to books and papers. Computers and a drawing board have become the main activity for most days. Classes are skipped not out of laziness, but to make time to finish a project.

Those professors that seemed so easy in the beginning of the semester have just added their own brick onto the pile. Final projects are in nearly every course.

On more than one occasion, I have out lasted the night because I was working in the labs of Applied Arts. I gain stamina from Goldfish and Mountain Dew, and I have learned to see through the tunnel vision caused from hours in front of a computer screen.

I spend every minute of my day going from one project to the next, and I am convinced that there is actually only five hours in a day.

I am constantly reminded that there are only four weeks left, but when I hear that I try to visualize how I will fit the three projects I haven't started into that short period of time.

I am looking forward to going home for Thanksgiving dinner with my family and my boyfriend's family. It will give me a chance to refocus and relax so I can come back to finish the semester.

Unfortunately, I cannot completely forget about my obligations while at home. I plan to get a head start on my projects to lessen the load for the last two weeks.

I try to schedule my weeks so I don't have any homework to do on the weekends. I work hard all week to get all of my projects caught up; I sacrifice time with friends and often sleep. It is a way to regain my sanity from the 15 hour days I have five days a week.

This is not a new idea for the bulk of the students on campus or any student in the country for that matter.

While my work takes over my life during the weeks, I refuse to let it take over what little time I have to relax.

I think Mel Gibson summed it up in"Braveheart" when he said, "They can take our lives, but they can never take our freedom."

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Best of 2003 Menomonie

BEST...

date place		campus event	
greek organization		resident adviser	
restaurant		bartender	
landlord		grocery store	
on-campus job		liquor store	
off-campus job			
party house			
bar atmosphere			
drink special			
women's sport			
mens sport			
intramural/club sport			
professor/faculty			
custodian			
campus organization			
coffee shop			
athlete			
local band			
hair salon			

WORST...

campus rule	
on-campus job	
off-campus job	
bouncer at bar	
place to wake up	
party house	
place to live	

Rules...

1. *Best of Menomonie* ballots are to be handed into *The Stoutonia* boxes around campus.
2. Deadline for ballots is TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.
3. Only one ballot per student please.
4. A completed ballot is not required, but it is highly recommended. So do one. Now.

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The 411

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Thursday, Nov. 20
Great American Smoke Out
>Focus 2010 Forum: What should Stout look like in 2010?, 8 a.m., MSC Ballroom C
>Booksale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Library Learning Center
>Leroy Smokes, hip-hop band, 8 p.m., MSC Huff's, free

Friday, Nov. 21
>Club Managers Association of America Silent Auction, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., MSC Ballroom C
>Words of Grace, 7 p.m., reggae-rock, Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, free
>Mason Jennings, pop rock band, 8 p.m., MSC Great Hall, $5 students, $10 public, $1 coupon available at http://www.bdp.uwstout.edu

Saturday, Nov. 22
Opening Weekend for Gun Hunting Season Please be safe out in the woods!
>Hmong Stout Student Organization Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 1 p.m.-6 p.m., River Heights Elementary School, free
>Hockey Bethel College v.s. UW-Stout, 7:30 p.m., Dunn Co. Ice Arena

Sunday, Nov. 23
>Hmong Stout Student Organization Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 1 p.m.-6 p.m., River Heights Elementary School, free
>The Memories' 18th Annual Holiday Concert, 1 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $12 adults, $5 children 12 and under

Monday, Nov. 24
>The Gender Divide: Why Does it Persist?, Presentation by Louise Root-Robbins UW-System Coordinator for Women's Issues, 11:15 a.m.- 12:10 p.m., MSC Ballroom B, refreshments provided
>Hmong Stout Student Organization Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 1 p.m.-6 p.m., River Heights Elementary School, free

Tuesday, Nov. 25
>Hmong Stout Student Organization Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 1 p.m.-6 p.m., River Heights Elementary School, free

Wednesday, Nov. 26
no classes

Thursday, Nov. 27
Happy Thanksgiving!

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Tim @ Stoutonia or solfestt@uwstout.edu

Multitalented musician returns

Eric Iverson

Put down your Milwaukee's Best Light and come listen to some good ol' rock music. Mason Jennings is coming to campus to rock your socks off Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall in the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

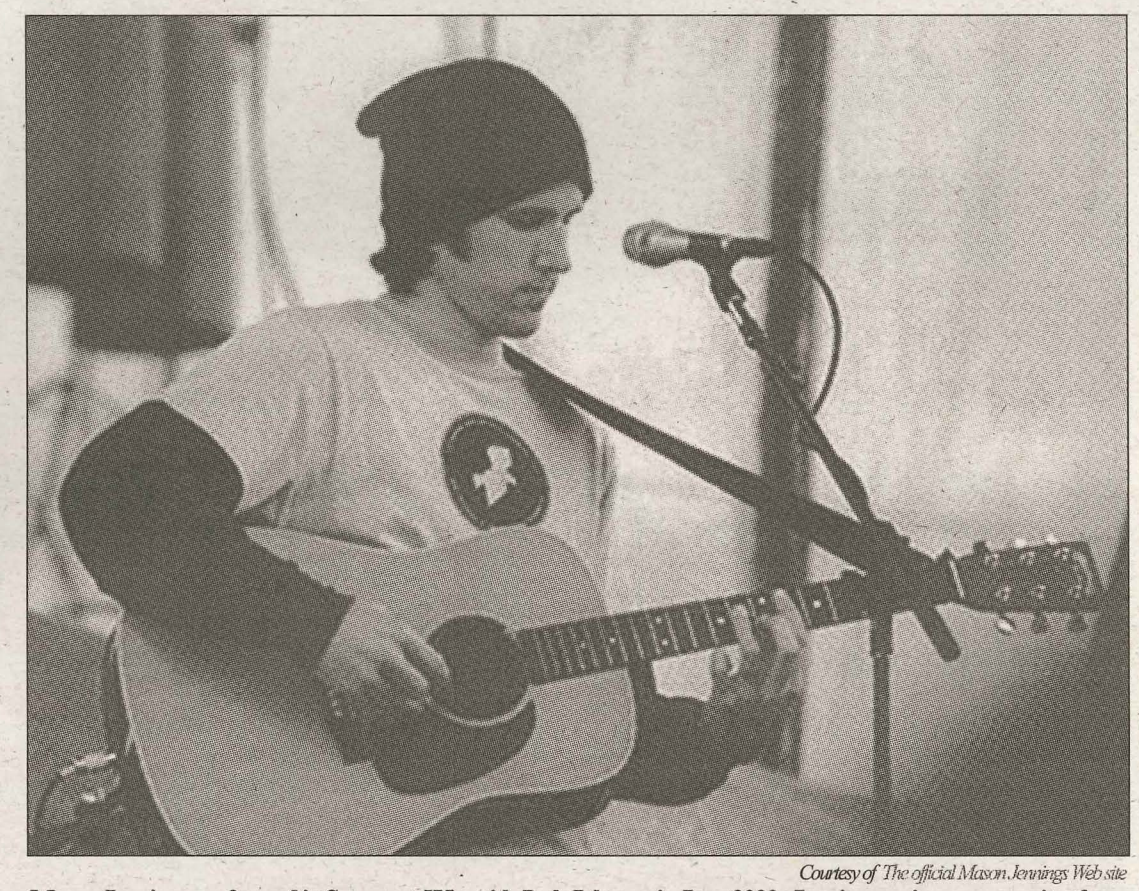
A singer and songwriter from Minnesota, Jennings will be performing his finely nuanced pop-rock with bandmates Chris Morrissey, who sings and plays bass; and Brian McLeod, who beats the drums.

Jennings' folk-rock has been compared to Ben Harper, Jack Johnson and even Bob Dylan.

"I'd describe him as a free-spirited and live-hearted performer," said Nate Reed, a senior in graphic design who has seen Jennings perform at the Acoustic Café. "His music reminds me of a cross between Bob Dylan and John Mayer."

Jennings is on a national tour to promote his latest two albums, *Simple Life* and *Century Spring*, both released in 2002. Without the help of a major label, Jennings has released four albums on his Architect Records, selling more than 50,000 records.

He has a loyal fan base throughout the United States, Europe and Australia, in addition to a street team which helps promote events.



Courtesy of The official Mason Jennings Web site

Mason Jennings performed in Somerset, Wis. with Jack Johnson in June 2003. Jennings, a singer-songwriter from Minnesota whose music has been compared to Ben Harper, returns to UW-Stout on Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.

Jennings has an anticipated fifth album coming out this February as well.

"I've heard his music, but never have seen him live," said Doug Stevens, an undecided sophomore. "I'm pumped; it's going to be bananas."

Instead of following the herd of musicians who create generic, standard tunes, Jennings says he tries to pour honesty and beauty into his songs, not just a punch line.

With witty, vivid lyrics and deep, thoughtful messages, *The New York Times* has called Jennings a songwriter to watch, and the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* called him a voice of a generation.

Jennings, originally born in Hawaii, moved to Minneapolis, Minn. when he was 19 because he loved the big, open sky and the abundance of music venues in the Twin Cities area.

He started his musical career playing the drums, moved on to the bass, the piano and ended up with the electric guitar.

Jennings says that playing these various instruments not only helps him relate to his band but has helped him write and visualize songs from a different perspective.

With over 300 songs written, one should expect Jennings to put on a good show this Friday. Opening up for Jennings is Eau Claire's Jeff White. Tickets are $5 for students, $10 for the public and can be purchased at the MSC service desk.

Eight-piece Leroy is smokin' hot

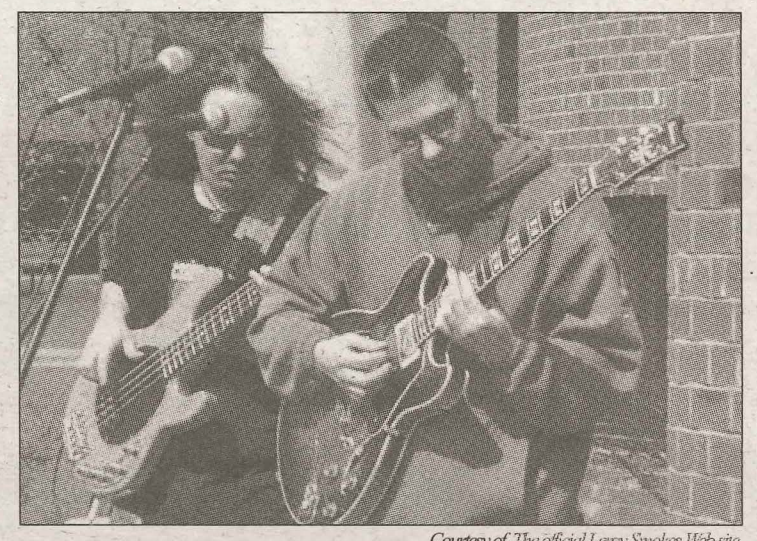
Jaime VandenHoogen

Do you remember the hip-hop, jazz, rap band Leroy Smokes? Well it is coming back to the University of Wisconsin-Stout for its second appearance. On Nov. 20, the band will be playing in Huff's at 8 p.m.

"Students really got into [the band and] we had such a good response that Blue Devil Productions decided to bring them back," said Kelly Ehley, Blue Devil Lounge director.

Leroy Smokes recently released its sophomore album, *The Plot Thickens*, in October 2003. The album was the follow up to its first, independently released album, *Come From Beneath* in 1999.

There was a party for the release of *The Plot Thickens* at Fine Line in Minnesota. The club



Courtesy of The official Leroy Smokes Web site

Leroy Smokes appeared at UW-Stout for the Throw Parties not Bombs last April. The band combines hip-hop, rap, jazz and other styles of music for a unique sound.

was packed with people waiting outside trying to get in.

The unique thing about Leroy Smokes is that the group is an eight-piece band. Each of the eight members contributes a different sound to the band. Some of the types of music that the band exhibits range from soul and funk to Latin beats.

"I think the band puts on a really great show; the fact that they're a live, eight-piece organic hip-hop band makes the show highly entertaining," said Ehley. "They're all very talented too, so they bring all different types of sounds to the band."

Leroy Smokes consists of Barry Ruckus, vocals and drums; Darek Stephens, bass; Friendly, keyboards and vocals; A.P.Z., percussion, vocals, beatbox and scratches; Greedy G., vocals; Syrum, record scratches and vocals; and J.Skillz, guitar and vocals.

Leroy Smokes performed at UW-Stout in April 2003 during the Throw Parties not Bombs event.

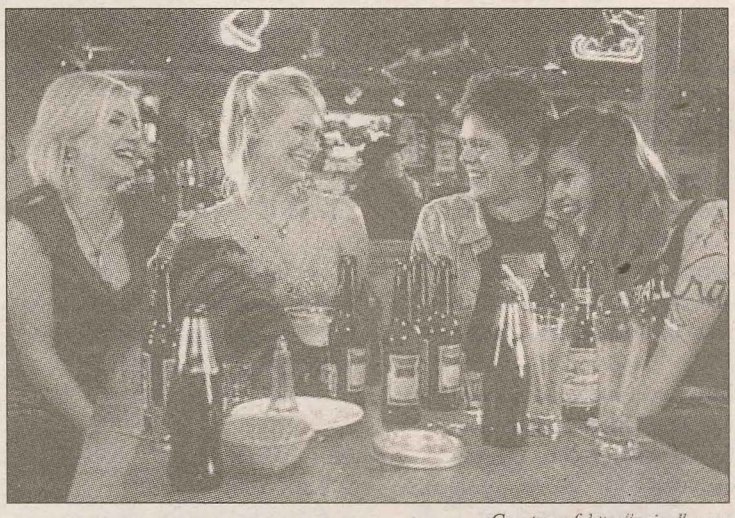
"The last time Leroy Smokes played here the reaction was great," said Ehley. "They put on a really interactive, energy-filled show. I like them; I recommend [everyone attend the show], if they've seen them or not."

ENTERTAINMENT
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Live, laugh, 'Love, Actually'



MOVIE REVIEW
Glenn Hintze



Courtesy of http://us.imdb.com

The romantic comedy, "Love Actually," showcases the lives of eight people. Local movie-goers were surprised that a scene included a Milwaukee bar.

This holiday season, there's something more important than vacation, gifts and home cooked dinner. What, you may ask? Love, actually, and a new film goes a long way to prove it.

By 'a long way,' I mean two hours and fifteen minutes, which is much more than the typical romantic comedy can afford. Where "Love Actually" differs is that it centers on the love stories of eight very different, but oddly interrelated people.

The movie shows us every aspect of love, from the beginning to the end and beyond. We share the fluttery nervousness of love's birth, and the sorrow at a loved one's funeral.

This film differs from so many others within the genre in that it shows us true emotion. With creative storytelling, the movie allows us to empathize with the characters and their situations.

These situations include David (Hugh Grant), the newly elected British Prime Minister, who is finding his job decidedly tougher as he falls for Natalie (Martine McCutcheon), the girl who brings him his daily tea. David's sister is Karen (Emma Thompson), who is forced to deal with her husband Harry's (Alan Rickman) potential infidelity.

We also meet Karen's friend, Daniel (Liam Neeson), whose wife is recently deceased and must bumble around the task of raising his stepson alone.

Most of the humor is provided by aging rocker, Billy Mack (Bill Nighy), whose days of chart-topping hits and beautiful groupies are years behind him. His reckless life has now left him virtually alone.

Mark (Andrew Lincoln) is the best man at his best friend's wedding, but his best friend just happens to be marrying Juliet (Keira Knightley), the target of Mark's secret admiration.

Family comes first for Sarah (Laura Linney), who gives up the chance to be with her longtime crush to help her mentally challenged brother.

Jamie (Colin Firth) has quite a different family problem after walking in on his brother and girlfriend together.

These characters and plot lines form a veritable spider web of stories, but still seem to flow with ease.

Though you never get to know all of the characters in depth, they are all personal and easy to relate to. Perhaps it's the different stages of love that we see in each character that gives the illusion that we know them, when in fact, they've only been given 15 minutes of screen time.

The acting also allows us to relate to each character. A notable British cast, headlined by stars Grant, Thompson, Neeson and new Hollywood "It Girl" Knightley, anchor the fantastic ensemble.

Nighy produces non-stop laughs every moment he is on screen, and a hilarious cameo appearance by Rowan Atkinson of "Mr. Bean" fame perfectly captures the frustrations of the holiday season.

This is a brilliant film. It is a story about love that everyone can truly relate to and will certainly laugh at. This is 2003's perfect date movie, so grab that special someone and run to the theater for "Love Actually."



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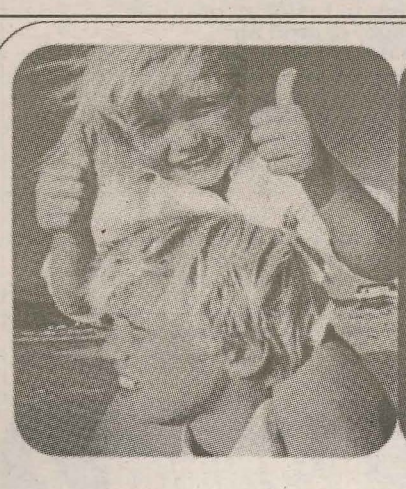
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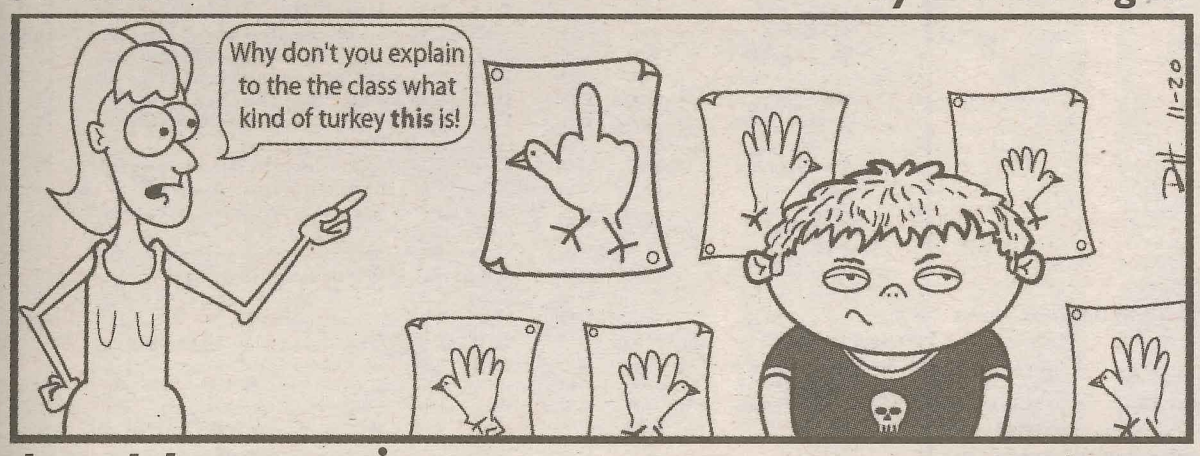
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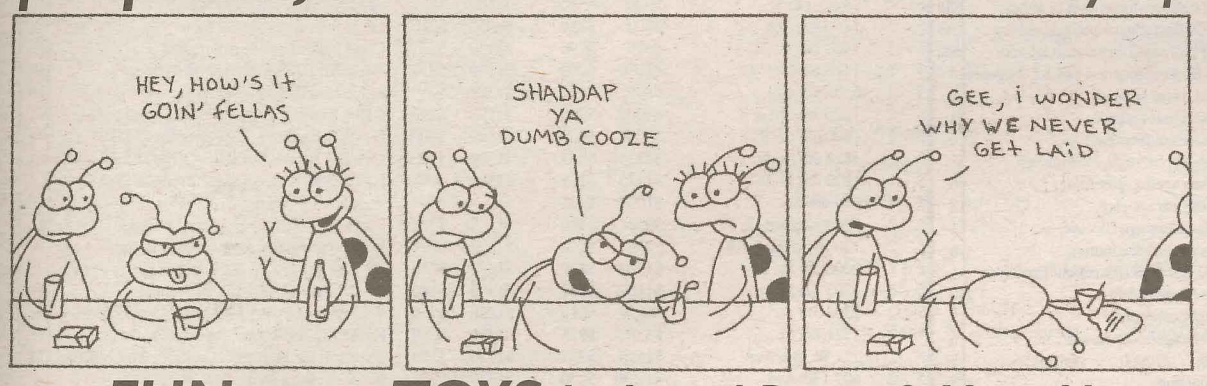
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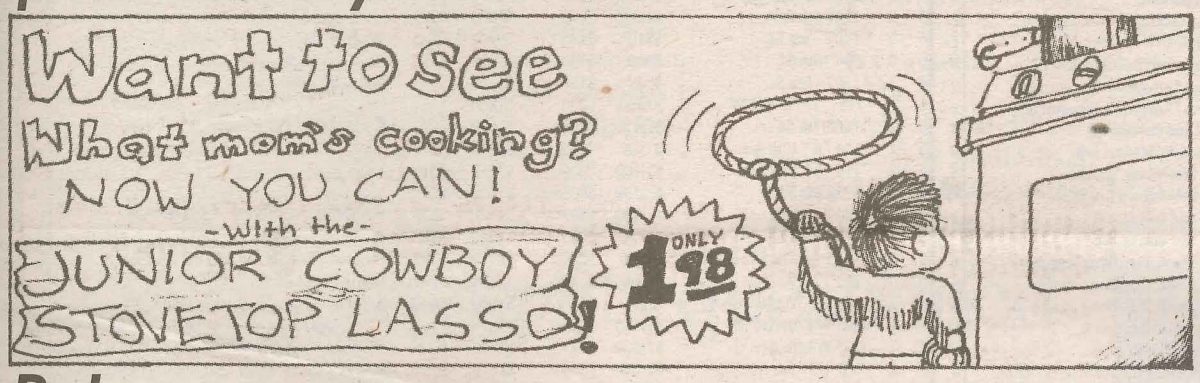
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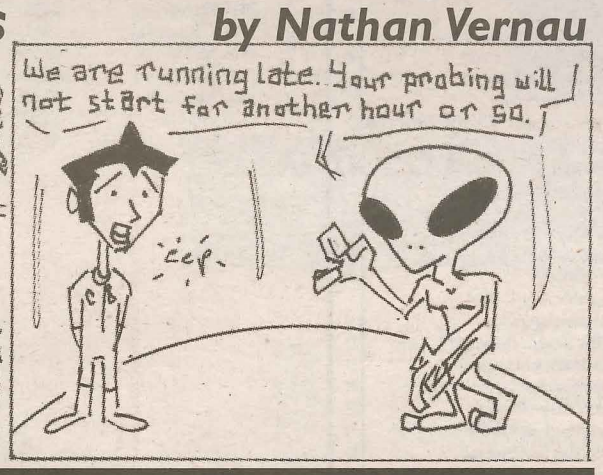
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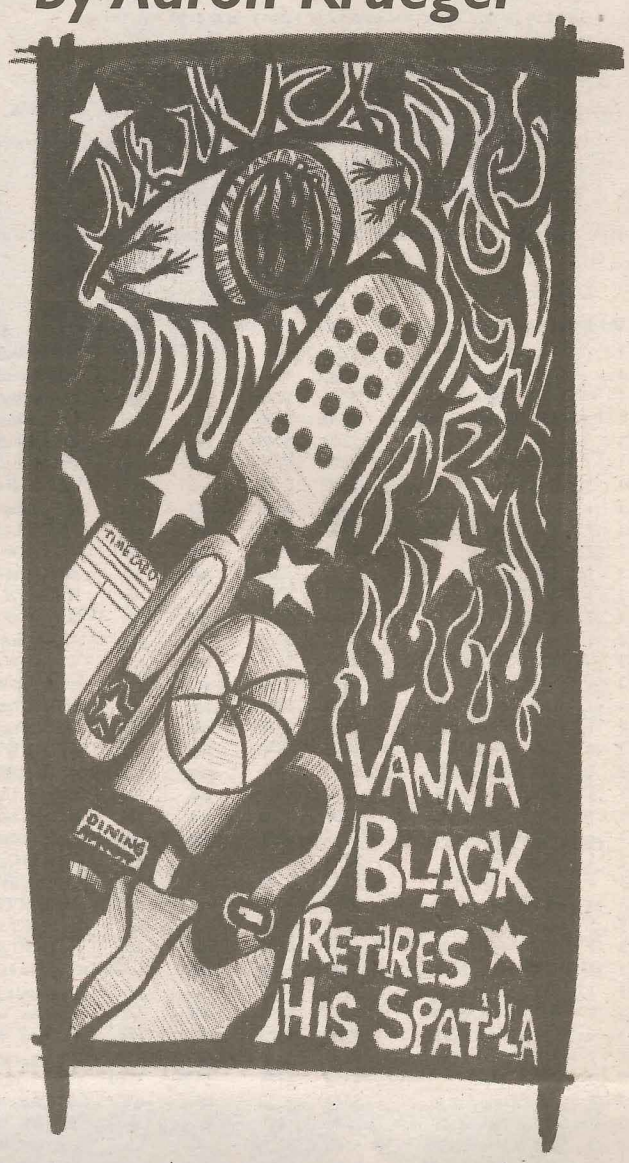
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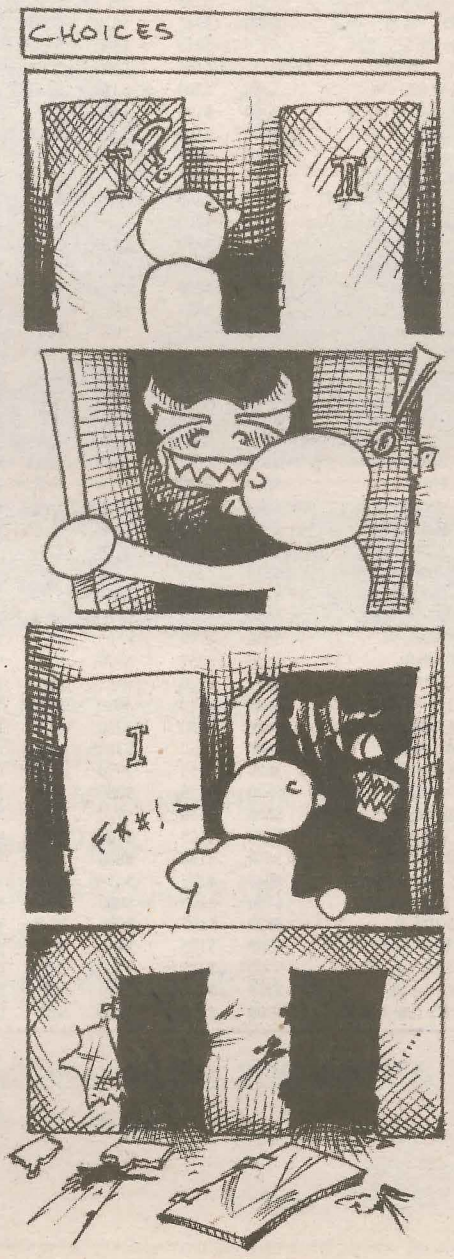


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2	1	147 _ Main St. C	$650	$325	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/n/p	O
2	1	802 6th Ave. #5	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/parking	6
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	All Utilities included Great Location Parking	6
2	1	1310 _ Main St.	$550	$275	N/A	N/A	Very Nice Upper Apt/Large	D
2	1	1502 10th St.	$525	$263	$650	$325	House,Garage, Washer Dryer Hook ups	H
2	1	1721 7th Street	$600	$300	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	119 W. Main #3	$525	$175	$625	$208	Close to campus and downtown	3
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$600	$200	$750	$250	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	802 6th Ave #4	$675	$225	N/A	N/A	Parking, Util inc, great location	6
3	1	921 Main St #3	$600	$200	$720	$240	parking and convient location	4
3	1	414 - 12th Ave W.	$615	$205	$750	$250	Very large/Garage/Storage/LOCATION	D
3	1	1415 1/2 4th St.W	$620	$207	$740	$247	Gas heat/Garage MODERN, w/d hook-ups	D
3	1	203 13th Ave. W.	$750	$250	$850	$284	Great location,parking, large rooms	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave.	$650	$217	n/a	n/a	Very nice, Close to campus	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$960	$320	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$560	$140	$680	$170	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1606 10th St.	$600	$150	$780	$195	House behind Lammers,w/d hook up	H
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$600	$150	$750	$188	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1508 10th Street	$620	$155	$770	$193	Close to Lammers / Large Rooms	H
4	1	1809 - 6th St.	$620	$155	$780	$195	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Garage	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	321 13th Ave. W.	$620	$155	$740	$185	Super Location / HOUSE/WASHER/DRYER	H
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$640	$160	$800	$200	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$940	$235	$1140	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1.5	121 1/2 12th Ave.W.	$900	$225	$1000	$250	Large apartment, super location	D

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Br	Ba	Address	Unit	Person	Unit	Person	Property Notes	Type
4	2	1721 7th St.	$1120	$280	n/a	n/a	Includes Util. WASHER/DRYER, Parking	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #2	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #3	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #4	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #5	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #7	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #8	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	1+	1515 6th Street	$980	$245	$1100	$275	Spacious, close to campus,washer/dryer	H
4	2	1301 9th Street	$1020	$255	$1200	$300	Beautiful house/garage/Location/WASH.DRYER	H
4	2	1415 8th Street	$1000	$250	$1150	$288	Upgraded recently,great location,parking,W/D	D
4	2	1317 8th Street	$1040	$260	$1180	$295	Washer/Dryer, Deck, good location	H
4	2	1021 8th St	$1100	$275	$1275	$319	Beautiful house with decks/close to campus	H
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1420	$355	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	2	1702 6th St	$1,110	$278	$1300	$325	Large House close to campus/washer/dryer	H
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	1600 10th St.	$1000	$250	$1175	$294	Great House, Washer/Dryer Hook-ups	
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2.5	902 Main St.	$1125	$225	$1325	$265	Great Location, Large Rooms,WASHER/DRYER	H
5	2	1403 - 6th St.	$900	$180	$1100	$220	good location/ lots of parking	H
5	2	516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	1	1115 6th St.	$1000	$200	$1150	$230	WASHER/DRYER/ right on campus	H
5	2	512 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1,050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	2	1220 7th Street	$1000	$200	$1150	$230	1 Block from Campus/washer/dryer/house	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	1	914 6th Ave.	$1025	$205	n/a	n/a	great house, Parking	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	1803 7th St	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	Washer/Dryer/parking/good location	D
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1050	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
5	2	1521 8th St.	$1,075	$215	$1250	$250	House / Large Rooms / good location	H
5	2	121 W 13th Ave.	$1175	$235	$1350	$270	Excellent location and condition, Washer/Dryer	D
5	2	607 13th Ave.	$1,150	$230	$1325	$265	Excellent/huge rooms/location/parking	H
5	2	2006 5th St. #C	$1,275	$255	$1450	$290	New /Washer-Dryer, Lg Rooms	3
5	2	2006 5th St. #B	$1,275	$255	$1450	$290	New /Washer-Dryer, Lg Rooms	3
5	2	1708 6th St A	$1,325	$265	$1475	$295	New/great location with parking/washer/dryer	D
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2	504 10th St.	$900	$150	$1100	$184	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/large rooms	H
6	2.5	1502 - 7th St.	$840	$140	$1,050	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/new siding	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1714 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	Very large, deck, prIvate, high eff gas heat	H
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2+	1415 1/2 8th Street	$1560	$260	$1750	$292	Fabulous, WASHER/DRYER, Parking	D
6	2	115 17th Av W	$1260	$210	$1430	$239	House,Location,w/d	D
6	2+	121 1/2 W 13th Ave.	$1650	$275	$1800	$300	Super Location, Washer/Dryer	D
6	2	205 W17th Ave B	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	205 W17th Ave C	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	602 1/2 12th Ave.	$1620	$270	$1840	$307	new, large bedrooms, next to campus,Wash/Dry	D
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	
7	2	220 - 12th Ave. W.	$1400	$200	$1,625	$233	Location / WASHER/DRYER/ large yard	H
7	2	1321 2nd St. W.	$1575	$225	$1775	$254	Large / 2 living rooms / location	H
8	3	1421 S. Broadway	$1,840	$230	$2050	$257	One of the best larger houses,WASHER/DRYER	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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4	2	1506 6th St.	$730	$180	$870	$218	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
4	2	1721 7th St.	$1,000	$250	INC	INC	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
5	2	203 13th Ave	$875	$175	$1,010	$202	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	2	1311 S. Broadway	$945	$136	$1,185	$198	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	3	1803 7th St.	$1,500	$215	$1,735	$248	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2	1208 8th St.	$1,200	$150	$1,440	$180	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2+	121 12th Ave W.	$1,680	$210	$1,620	$240	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
9	2	1120 15th Ave	$1,440	$161	$1,730	$199	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
12	4	114 (A & B) 17th Ave	$2,100	$175	$2,330	$210	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE

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NFC north battle



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Remember when the Vikings and Packers were set to square off in the second border battle of the season a few weeks ago? Well, at the time, I said the Vikings were in decent shape and really didn't have too much to work on except special teams.

Wow, was I wrong.

After Doug Flutie and the San Diego Chargers scored more points than Flutie's age, I got scared. Flutie is 41. The Chargers scored 42 against the Vikings.

When the Oakland Raiders third string QB, Rick Mirer, outplayed the Vikings $100 million first stringer, I lost hope.

That's right, I'm here to say it first. The Vikings are done. When's the draft?

This year started off with the purple pride flags flying high and proud. Now, all that's left is for the funeral, 'cause those flags are at half-mast.

Meanwhile, the Packers look like they are gearing up for another glorious first round exit from the playoffs.

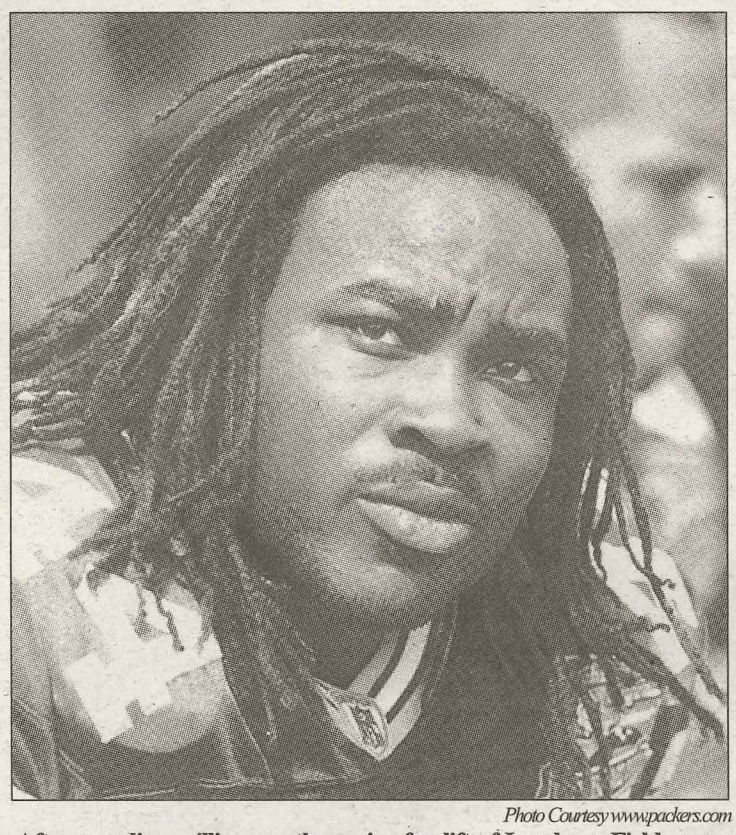


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After spending millions on the major facelift of Lambeau Field, many Packers apparently cannot afford haircuts. Najeh Davenport included.

Brett Favre has been playing well, even with a broken thumb, but the team as a whole has been struggling.

Ahman Green seems to have spurts of fumbles the same way the Raiders seem to have players test positive for steroids. With only five games left in the season, the Pack still have no deep threats.

But things have to be better on the other side of the ball, right?

Not really.

The defense is still prone to giving up that all too critical game-losing touchdown.

What ever happened to the days when the Vikings and the Packers weren't just fighting one another for the division crown but the rest of the league for homefield advantage for the playoffs?

The 'hard-hitting' Norse division has become the 'plays poorly on Sundays' noodle division.

Where is the wrestling?



DOUBLEOVERTIME
Wesley Simonis

Once upon a time, not so long ago, the University of Wisconsin-Stout had a varsity wrestling program.

As a matter of fact, the Blue Devils were notorious for delivering a good pounding to those who chose to step onto the mat with them.

It was less than ten years ago that Blue Devil wrestlers were winning the conference championship.

Being a wrestler since I could walk, it frustrates me that I can't see a good wrestling match while I'm at college, especially since winter time in Menomonie can be lacking excitement.

Many colleges throughout the entire country have strong wrestling programs and spend time recruiting the best wrestlers to fill their teams.

Last year, the WIAC had seven schools in the confrence that participated in wrestling.

Unfortunately, UW-Stout is not one of them. The program was dropped after the 1997 season due to lack of interest and Title IX.

Although UW-Stout had to drop their varsity wrestling program, the wrestling club lives on.

The club practices three days a week in the university recreation building.

"We have a lot of different reasons for still wrestling," said club president, Adam Benish. "Our younger guys still have that competitive fire in them, and our older guys like the workout."

Benish also said that there are many tournaments that college students can compete in that aren't college related.

The big question is, why can't UW-Stout get the numbers to bring back wrestling on the varsity level?

It seems every corner I turn, I see another perfectly built rugby or football player who could probably rip the head off a large bear.

What do these guys do for fun in the winter? Wrestling is the perfect way for someone to hurt sombody else and have it be totally acceptable.

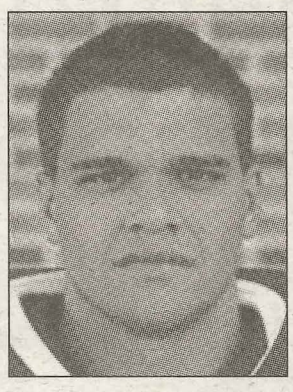
Another thing that irks me is the fact that I see people who I know wrestled all through high school and still have the drive to be wrestling now. The university is full of these people, myself included.

Another positive thing that varsity wrestling would bring to the university is recruiting possibilites.

Every year UW-Stout has at least one team, if not two or three, which finishes on top of the conference. These top finishes make high school students want to come here .

This school is known to have talented athletes in every sport. With time and work, UW-Stout wrestling could rise again and be the dominant force that it once was.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Steve Anderson

The Facts:
Football
senior
Stanley, Wis.
technology education

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *The Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

Steve Anderson earned WIAC player of the week with a sensational three interceptions for the Blue Devils last weekend.

Anderson, who shared player of the week honors with running back Luke Bundgaard, saved his best for last. He was cast in a starting role against the pass-happy University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Anderson responded on Senior Day; his two interceptions set up eventual scores for UW-Stout.

Two of Anderson's interceptions also came as UW-Platteville threatend to score; the interceptions were key for the Blue Devils to secure the victory in the final game of the season.

This week in sports

Ryan Wessley

Hockey

St. Thomas jumped out to a 3-1 lead, but the University of Wisconsin-Stout scored four consecutive goals to go on to a 7-4 win over the Tommies Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Dunn Co. Ice Arena.

The game opened with a flurry of scoring as St. Thomas' Dustin Lick scored only two minutes and 28 seconds into the game.

UW-Stout responded as Nate Legler got the equalizer two minutes later, with an assist by Adam Boche.

St. Thomas scored a minute later and four minutes into the second period to jump ahead with a 3-1 lead.

The Blue Devils (4-2-0) needed goals and got them when defenseman Bryan Cummings scored three minutes later, with an assist by Justin Huth.

Six minutes afterwards Scott Hellquist scored his first collegiate goal with assists by Lewie Kellin and Derek Nichols.

Mitch Kellin was the next Blue Devil to score with an assist by his brother Lewie. That score put the Blue Devils ahead for good with five minutes remaining in the period. The team added another goal four minutes and 45 seconds into the third period.

UW-Stout will be at Hamline University, Friday, Nov. 21.

Men's Cross Counrty

UW-Stout's Dave Huber finished 11th at the NCAA Midwest Cross Country Regionals Saturday, Nov. 15 at Whitetail Golf Course to earn a trip to the NCAA Cross Country Championships next weekend.

Huber ran UW-Stout's home course in a time of 25 minutes and 11 seconds.

It was the first time Huber advanced to the national meet since his freshman year.

Huber will compete at the national meet Saturday, Nov. 22 in Hanover, Ind.

As a team, the Blue Devils placed 12th of 40 teams.

Women's Cross Country

UW-Stout placed 13th of 40 teams at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships Saturday, Nov. 15 at Whitetail Golf Course.

Tracy Oostdyk wrapped up her career with a 48th place finish (23:34).

Krista Jahimiak completed her first collegiate season with a 52nd place finish.

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Bundgaard sets WIAC record

Ryan Wessley

He has been one of the most dominant forces behind the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team over the past four years.

He's shattered the university and WIAC Conference all-time rushing records.

Luke Bundgaard's 53-carry, 328-yard performance in a 42-14 win over the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Saturday, Nov. 15 was truly the way to go out on top.

Before the game, Bundgaard needed what was thought to be an impossible 275 yards to snap the conference all-time rushing mark of 4,375 yards set by Darrell Sourhada of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

After having an outstanding 158 yards in the first half alone, Bundgaard was able to break the record early in the fourth quarter and finish his four-year career with 4,427 total rushing yards.

Bundgaard, who had already broken the UW-Stout rushing record last season, has done more than set his name in stone for Blue Devil football.

In his final game, Bundgaard broke and tied four of his own school records. His four touchdowns in Saturday's game tied his own school record.

Bundgaard finished the season with 1,461 yards on the ground, breaking his old record of 1,366 yards.

During Saturday's game, he carried the ball a record 53 times, which broke his old record of 45.

Finally, his 53 carries in the final game broke the single season carries record of 270. Bundgaard finished the season with 294 carries.

What it takes to be an all-star running back



Brain
Not just any bruiser can be a quality runningback in college football. Keeping focus and maintaining cool on the field gives a runningback an advantage over the competition.

Heart
It takes more than the muscles that a running back can weight train to win the close games. A running back needs a drive and desire to win using the strongest muscle in the human body: the heart.

Hands
No coach will care how good a running back is if he can't hang on to the ball. A good runing back will always secure the ball and be willing to get a concussion to get the ball back if it is dropped.

Feet
When a running back finds himself in a one-on-one battle, it takes quick feet to make a move and get extra yards. Good feet are also necessary for a fancy endzone dance.

Legs
While it may be a fact that a running back can't run without good blocking, it takes strong legs to break the tackles and shed defenders. A running back without strong legs won't gain yards.

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entertainment

The UW-Stout band will perform its annual holiday concert Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Great Hall.

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student life

Low on cash this holiday season? Check out these easy gifts that come at affordable prices.

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Student hit by vehicle

Joel Shaw

On the evening of Nov. 14, Menomonie Police and Fire Departments responded to an accident involving a car driven by Kelly Larson and a pedestrian, Sara Lisec, at the intersection of South Broadway Street and First Avenue West.

The accident resulted in the serious injury of Lisec, a resident of Jeter-Tainter-Callahan (JTC) resident hall.

She was transported to Myrtle Werth Hospital and then airlifted to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn., where she is currently listed in serious condition.

Lisec is a mental health counseling graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and was working on her master's thesis in anticipation of graduating on Dec. 13.

Larson, a resident of Menomonie, told police that she was driving north on Broadway to pick up her son from daycare and had just driven under the pedestrian bridge.

"I didn't see her until the second I hit her," Larson said. "All I can remember is hitting her and her coming into the windshield and then she was gone."

Larson was not injured in the accident, but her car's front end was severely damaged and towed to a local garage.

Lori Windorski of White Bear Lake, Minn., was driving south on Broadway at the time of the accident. In a written statement, she said she saw a person run across the southbound lanes and leap over the median.

"I braked and thought if the person doesn't slow the run across the road, the car coming toward me will hit them," Windorski said. "The person didn't slow down and got hit."

Windorski called 911 but didn't get through.

David Stelling said in a written statement that as he was traveling south on Broadway he saw a girl cross the street to the median, look for cars and then proceed to cross the northbound lanes. According to Stelling, the girl had just stepped into the second northbound lane when she got hit. Stelling said that a dark colored car had come under the pedestrian overpass.

"I saw that it was ahead of the other traffic, and going very fast, over the 25 mph that was posted," Stelling said. "I then saw it hit her."

Stelling thought that the hood on Lisec's coat might have prevented her from seeing the oncoming car.

Another witness, Matthew Gregg of Wigen Hall, was walking south from Wigen Hall on the sidewalk when he saw someone walking slowly across Broadway towards the lake "as if she were the only one on the road."

Gregg said that a car had to slow down quite a bit to allow the person to cross.

"She then started to cross the northbound lane at the same slow rate, and again seemed not to worry or care about traffic," Gregg said. "As she got into the right lane the car that hit her did not seem to notice her."

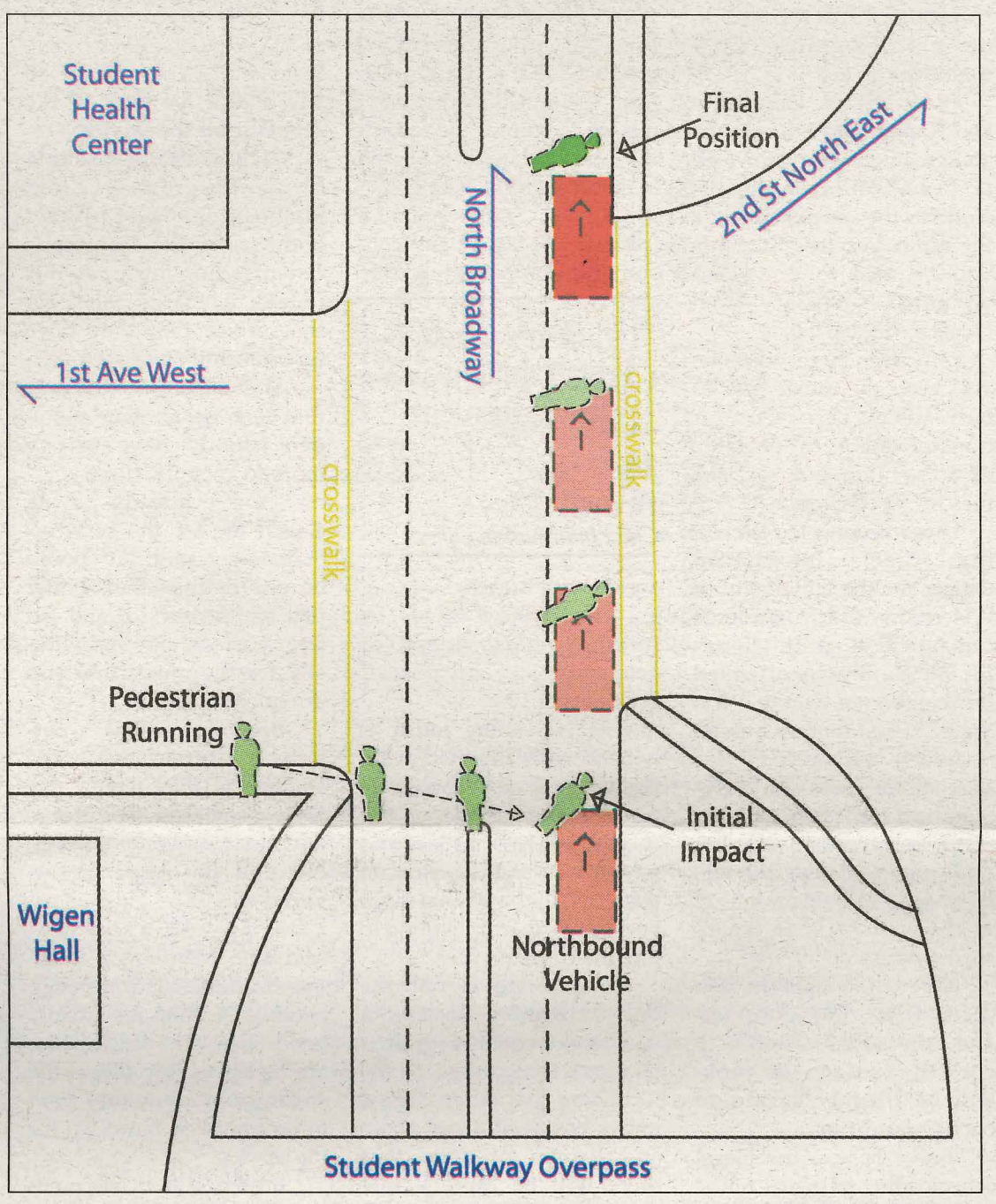
He also said in his written statement to police that he did not see any brake lights emitted by the car that hit the person.

"I assume the driver didn't see her," Gregg said.

Due to the conflicting witness reports, Menomonie Police Officer David Pellett conducted further inquires to complete the accident investigation.

Pellett spoke to Wigen Hall Director Wendy Hardy. Hardy said she did not know Lisec well but did characterize her as "a very serious student and not very outgoing."

Hardy was aware that Lisec parked on First Avenue and frequently cross Broadway rather than use the pedestrian overpass. There is no crosswalk at the intersection because the pedestrian overpass is just south of the intersection.



by Steve Poole, The Stoutonia

Sara Lisec, a graduate student at UW-Stout, was seriously injured on Nov. 14 when she was hit by a car traveling north on South Broadway Street. Lisec did not cross the street at a marked crosswalk.

Pellett then spoke to a friend of Lisec, Trista Glover, a junior majoring in psychology, who said that Lisec frequently crossed Broadway near First Avenue, because she believed it took less time to reach her dorm room in Jeter Hall.

"Sara is all about efficiency," Glover said.

Pellett also spoke with Joe Hecht, who characterized himself as a good friend of Lisec. Hecht said Lisec was "very upbeat" about her internship in counseling and also about a recent visit with her boyfriend in Iowa.

Pellett said in his report that Lisec appeared to be returning from purchasing some groceries.

Pellett was satisfied that the crash was an accident.

Hardy was also a classmate of Lisec's.

"I was in several classes with her and think that she is very dedicated to her studies and a caring and compassionate friend," Hardy said. "I truly enjoyed our times in class together and found her to be very intelligent and helpful in our group work together."

Glover said, "She was very excited about her career coming together, as she was working on her internship and writing her masters thesis."

Glover said she knows Lisec has a good relationship with her family and is particularly close to her father.

Lisec's parents, Tom and Patty Lisec, said although Sara has undergone eight surgical procedures and continues to lapse in and out of consciousness, she has regained consciousness several times including Thanksgiving morning.

The Lisec's have been e-mailing updates on Sara's condition to family and friends, including her coworkers at the financial aid office.

"It wasn't the leap out of bed and let's dance kind of wake up, but she did regain consciousness enough to open her eyes, look around, move her limbs and interact a bit with those around her," T. Lisec said.

This was cause for celebration for parents, doctors and nurses alike.

However, the doctors say that Lisec's recovery process could take a number of directions depending on the currently unknown extent of brain damage she may have sustained.

The Lisec's are optimistic about their daughter's recovery and are preparing for the long-term consequences of her injuries. They realize she will need physical therapy as part of the healing process.

"There is much reason for hope," T. Lisec said.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 37° Low 17° Mostly Cloudy	High 34° Low 21° Partly Cloudy	High 39° Low 26° Partly Cloudy

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Colleges and MP3s

Brad Homan

With the arrival of Napster 2.0, new possibilities for digital music sharing develop.

Penn State University and Napster have developed an agreement that allows all of Penn State's on-campus students the use of Napster's Premium Service. Students will be able to download unlimited MP3s from Napster Version 2.0.

Students will also be able keep the music files to burn them onto CDs or transfer them to portable devices if they purchase the files for 99 cents each.

According to Joe Brown, the Chief Information Officer for the University of Wisconsin-Stout, students can purchase entire albums for $9.95. Brown attended the conference where Penn State President Graham Spanier announced the agreement between Penn State and Napster.

This program complies with copyright laws and will be phased in starting Jan. 12 at the start of Penn State's spring semester.

Over time, Spanier predicts that this program, and others like it, will help curb the nationwide problem of illegal sharing of copyrighted files.

Brown believes that illegal downloading of digital music is a problem at UW-Stout.

"First of all, it's against the law," Brown said.

Brown receives several notifications a week from the Recording Industry Association of America to shut off computers of people illegally downloading music on campus.

"I don't want our Internet facilities used that way," Brown said. "This is [the recording industry's] product and it is being stolen from them. Although it isn't our job to enforce the recording industry laws, it is our job to enforce ethical behavior."

Kayla Stalboerger, a freshman in family and consumer science education,

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> **Joe Brown**
> *Chief Information Officer*

agrees with Brown.

"The school gives us Internet capabilities for academic purposes," Stalboerger.

"Downloading music is a perk with Internet availability. If a student chooses to download music he or she should be responsible and pay for it and be sure to abide by the laws that have been set forth or be willing to pay the consequences."

Penn State is not the only university to hold a similar agreement with digital music companies.

There are other digital music companies out there and Brown predicts that there will be quite a few different versions of an agreement between universities and digital music companies.

"I think it's a start, but I don't think it's an ideal agreement," Brown said when asked what he thought of the agreement between Napster and Penn State.

Brown does not see such an agreement coming to UW-Stout. The service is not free to the students. Every Penn State student will have to pay a tech fee of $160 per semester for the service.

"I think this is absolutely absurd," said Stalboerger. "Not everybody using the Internet is downloading music, so it is unfair to charge them for the service that they have no intention of using."

Stalboerger also believes that it is unfair that a student should have to pay more to keep the files.

"You're already paying a tech fee for the service," Stalboerger said. "It should be one or the other. Either pay for the service and get free music or pay individually for the music that you download."

Brown's office performed a survey that asked students if they would pay $20 per semester to be able to download unlimited songs. None of the students surveyed would.

"I'd pay $20 a semester," said Erin Manthey, a freshman in manufacturing engineering. "I think it's a really good idea that universities are trying to stop illegal file sharing, but I wouldn't want to be forced to pay $100 for the service."

Brown says it all comes down to the dollar.

"The question is, what would people be willing to pay?" said Brown. "I'm glad that students are getting music. I do appreciate the agreement. It promotes ethical behavior."

Holiday event to feature reindeer

Crystal Miller

This year the Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce and Main Street of Menomonie Inc. are holding a new holiday event, Victorian Holidays Celebration. It will take place on Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Clock Tower Plaza.

"It is to unite our community for the holiday season and to encourage shopping downtown," said Shawn Broskoff, tourism coordinator for the chamber of commerce. "There are a lot of nice little shops not everyone knows about."

The Victorian Holidays Celebration will feature live reindeer, a live camel and Father Christmas. There is no cost to attend the event, but Father Christmas will be taking donation items such as food, toothbrushes, shampoo or any other items for the food pantry.

"It's something that will hopefully get people jazzed up about the holidays," said Katie Villeneuve, owner of the Scrappin & More store at 512 Oak Ave.

"The Girl Scouts are doing cookie decorating, and the Boy Scouts are doing bird ornaments," Broskoff said.

There will also be carolers, story time at Bookends, 214 E. Main St., and tours of the Mabel Tainter Theater.

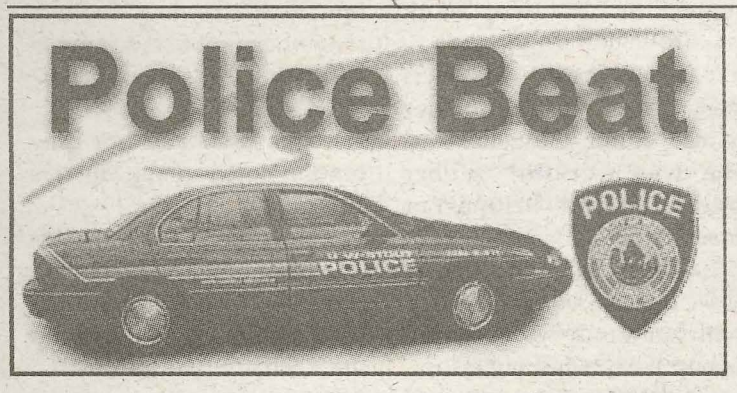
Villeneuve will be hosting a holiday scrapbooking and cardmaking activity.

"I'm excited," Villeneuve said. "I want to give people an idea of other activities we do. It's not just scrapbooking. It's something for anybody; it's a cute little card that could be done for holidays."

"Menomonie is authentic, Victorian," Broskoff said. "We are trying to bring back some of the older themes of Christmas."



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia
Menomonie is preparing for the holidays with downtown decorations and a festival this weekend.



Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

Purse stolen from Pawn
On Nov. 19, a student reported her purse stolen from The Pawn. She had accidentally left her purse there the night before. She returned the next morning, but did not find the purse. She contacted building management, but the purse had not been turned in. The purse contained the student's ID, credit card and $30 in cash.

Backpack found in lot 18
On Nov. 19, a University Police officer found a student's backpack in campus parking lot 18. The officer sent the student an e-mail informing them that their backpack was found and could be picked up at the university police department. The backpack contained some notebooks and a TI-82 calculator.

Stolen bike seats
On Nov. 20, a student living in CKTO reported that sometime in the last week someone had stolen his bike seat and the seats of two other bikes. The bikes were located on the southwest corner of CKTO.

Oops! Wrong bike.
On Nov. 22, University Police officer noticed a man pick up a bicycle from campus parking lot 30 and ride the bike approximately 15 feet. The man then got off the bike and placed it next to the University Services sign. The man told the officer that he thought it was his bike, but then realized it wasn't and left the bike by the sign so he wouldn't get in trouble. The bike was taken to University Police's bike rack.

Student falls from bed
On Nov. 25, University Police were called to a CKTO dorm room where a student had fallen out of bed. The fall caused her nose and mouth to bleed. She was taken by University Police to the emergency room for treatment.

Unconscious student
On Dec. 2, University Police and a Menomonie ambulance were called to the basement of Wigen Hall to treat a student who was unconscious. The university officer noticed the student twitching back and forth and checked to see if the student was choking. A Menomonie ambulance arrived and paramedics were able to wake the student up. The student stated he was diabetic and that it was possible that his sugar intake was low, causing him to pass out. The student was taken to the emergency room for further evaluation.

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Skipping Class

Makes the classes you actually go to that much more special.

We are thankful for plenty



STAFFEDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

The Stoutonia hopes that everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving break.

We'd like to take a little time to list off everything we are grateful for this year.

We are thankful for post-turkey day sales. How else would we be able to find DVD players for 30 bucks?

We are thankful for Wal-mart's kindness. A woman in Florida was waiting to get into Wal-mart to buy the aforementioned DVD player, but was trampled by the crazed shoppers. Out of the kindness of its multi-billion dollar heart, Wal-mart had one of those 30-dollar DVD players put on layaway for the injured customer. Layaway? Screw that store.

We are thankful for California. Not only do we have a beautiful state in California, but we also have a movie star governor running a state with more debt than most countries. Oh, and Gary Coleman.

We are thankful for Sports Center and Trading Spaces. How else would college students spend the three hours of free time they have a week?

We are thankful for My Little Pony and G.I. Joe. Because with out them little boys wouldn't question their sexuality and Barbie would still be a virgin.

We are thankful for snow, sleds, and skis. With them we look really cool flying down the side of a hill. Without them we are called drunk and have grass stains on our knees.

We are thankful for Febreze and ramen noodles. Because all college students are grateful for a cheap way to 'get clean' and even cheaper food.

We are thankful for the countless holiday specials on network TV. Because nothing says Happy Thanksgiving quite like an 80-foot float of that guy who lives in a pineapple under the sea. I think his name is Sponge Bob Square Pants.

We are thankful for celebrity Christmas albums. Come on. Admit it. You still have your copy of Hanson's Christmas album *Snowed In.*

In all honesty though, we truly are thankful for family and friends. Family makes the holidays just that much more special, and friends are always able to make a snowy afternoon memorable with a snowball fight.

We are thankful for the season of giving. Very few things in life feel as good as brightening someone's day by giving a gift.

We are thankful for a country where freedom reigns. We may not all agree on how the country should be run, who should be running it, or what choices are ours to make for the world, but everyone can agree that it sure is nice to be able to agree about it all.

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Ten pounds in one month! No way!



ENDGAME
Ann Syrstad

On the radio the other day a DJ stated an interesting statistic. "The average person gains ten pounds between Thanksgiving and New Years." That caught my ear. Is that really so?

The more I thought about it, the more I began to believe it. This led me to do a little research of my own and now I wonder how people do NOT gain ten pounds over the holiday season.

Think about it. Thanksgiving dinner alone is enough to make anyone's pants a little tighter than usual. Stuffing, dinner rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, turkey and then pie! That meal alone is enough calories to boggle anyone's mind. So that was one meal of over eating.

But then, leftovers. They are just taking up too much fridge space, so there goes another couple meals of overeating. So there we sit, eating when we don't need to, gaining weight.

Now Thanksgiving is over, but we have days of baking Christmas cookies and more big meals to indulge upon. As I sat and pondered my plan to avoid gaining extra unwanted pounds from Thanksgiving to New Years, I stumbled upon http://www.weightwatchers.com and found some of their suggestions extremely smart.

Here is a list that I compiled based on suggestions from the Web site as well as some of my personal ideas:

* You shouldn't go to a party wearing your most comfy clothes because then you'll be much more likely to overeat. Instead, pull your belt one notch tighter than it should be.

* Don't drive to class, walk. Try to avoid large plates because people tend to fill up whatever plate is in front of them.

* If you enjoy drinking, try to limit yourself to one or two and don't go overboard every night. Be smart with your choices. A gin and tonic has 155 calories for an eight ounce glass, while a frozen strawberry daiquiri the same size has almost 500 calories.

* Drink extra water to help flush out the extra sodium you may have consumed during a meal.

* Don't restrict your diet so much that all you do is crave for that certain food. Just limit how much of that food you eat.

* Take that bad parking space that is far away from the entrance to Wal-Mart, that way you're forced to get a little extra exercise.

* Try baking low-fat or low-calorie cookies instead of the normal recipes. Some recipes taste just as good if not better.

But most importantly, ask yourself what's important this holiday. Spending time with your family? Hanging out with friends? Or is it maintaining that figure? Be smart and remember that the holidays are a very special time of year, and you should be able to really enjoy yourself. Spend time with family, socialize and relax!

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Letters to the Editor

Laptops are bad!

It should be well understood by now that our chancellor doesn't understand the technology era. One can easily agree with Charles saying not all laptops under $1,000 are not going to be sufficient enough.

However, will it connect to the internet, provide word processing, and make life easier? Yes, and the best part is I can chose what I want, and a price I'm comfortable paying.

I'd like some of you Compaq users to take time out of your busy schedule and compare computer prices on the internet (assuming your computer is working). You don't have to be a tech-geek to notice how badly the university has screwed you out of $2,000, and what you could be using instead.

Surly an argument will be made that ASK5000 is such a valuable asset to you and the service helps to justify the cost. I admit, they are helpful in fixing the problems that occur with the laptops, but should there be this many problems in the first place. Furthermore, should speech classes consist of topics including "Why I Hate My Compaq"?

You can all be sure that I would never pay $2,000 for the 18 GB hard drive, 1GHz Pentium III, 128 MB ram Compaq computers being forced upon freshman. Unless of course, I had a salary over $120,000 with nothing better to do. It's astonishingly frustrating that students attending Stout Inc. don't have a choice! It's all about contractual business, and I hope the university makes all they money they were promised.

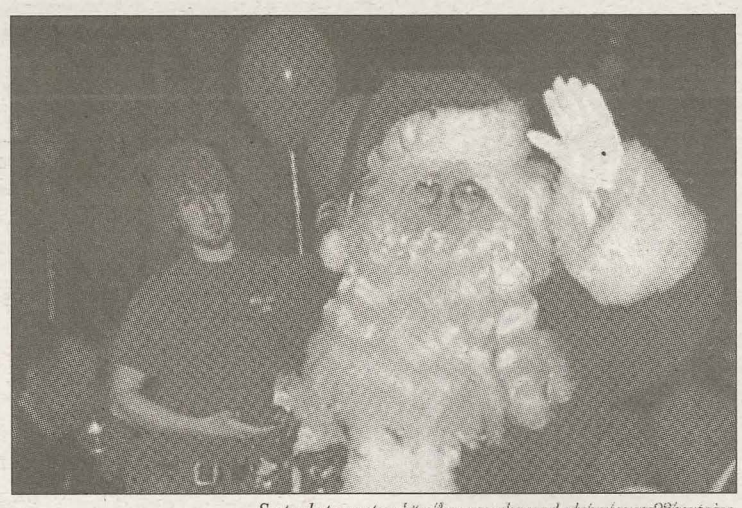
Sincerely,

Chad Narva
UW-Stout student

Pardon you, Santa Claus



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe



Santa photo courtesy, http://hcn-www.harvard.edu/sm/xmass98/santa.jpg
photo illustration, Jay Fish

Matt Schubbe hangs out with Kriss Kringle a.k.a. Santa Claus. Schubbe recently decided that Santa deserved a day off.

I read somewhere that in recent years it has become an annual tradition for the President to pardon a turkey or two from being eaten every Thanksgiving. This seemed, to me, to be a little frivolous at first, but upon closer inspection; I began to see the point of this ceremony. And yes, there is a ceremony.

Holiday icons, such as the turkey, get little time off these days. It seems that when they aren't functioning as facilitators of their own holidays, they are getting ready for next year.

Pardoning a turkey is just giving it a break from all of that Thanksgiving jazz, so that it can maybe go out and see a movie or something instead of chillin' with some cranberry sauce.

This got me thinking about other holiday icons and their levels of stress around holidays that are put in their charge. It occurred to me that it wasn't just turkeys feeling the pressure, but many other significant characters as well. So, I decided to do something about it.

I don't want to play favorites between holidays, so I decided that each year I would pardon a different holiday personality from their duties. By drawing names from a hat, the lot for this year fell to Santa Claus. Since I know that Santa reads my column on a regular basis, I have decided to include my official pardon within the column and kill two birds with one stone. Hey, it's less typing for me this way.

I, Matt Schubbe, dancer, prancer and lady romancer, hereby pardon Kriss "Santa Claus" Kringle of all duties and practices pertaining to the nationally recognized time of festivity, known as Christmas, for the holiday's duration (including Christmas Eve unless otherwise stated).

Now all I need is Santa's W2 form so I can get all the tax write-offs straightened out. If any of you reading this article would like any other holiday figure pardoned, let me know. I hear the Easter bunny is looking really out of it these days.

Life is a journey. Live it



THEDROP
Lindsey Schuldt

Life is a journey, not a destination.

This weekend I journeyed across the state to be with those I care for, you know the deer obsessed men and food obsessed women who together make Thanksgiving the most amusing holiday ever.

As I was going my usual twenty miles an hour over the speed limit, endless tasks running through my mind and a list of things I had to do before the week was up, I came to a sudden dead stop in the middle of the freeway.

I started to cuss in my mind. What could be more important than me getting where I needed to go? Than me getting done the things I needed to get done?

Twenty minutes later my car was slowly crawling upon one of the worst accidents I had ever seen.

There was a car tipped upside down and smashed, a station wagon that was now about the size of a cardboard box, just a little taller, and the two vehicles it was sandwiched between.

The ultimate question burned in my mind for the rest of my trip. What if that had been me?

I would have never seen my family wearing those goofy orange blazers ever again. And what about my mom fretting about the kitchen trying to make sure every last detail is accounted for and perfect?

I would have never tasted my favorite Thanksgiving snack dip again, or woken up to my dogs licking my face and pulling my covers off of me.

As soon as I left the scene of the accident, all I could see in my mind was my driveway. All I wanted to do was be able to drive down that road one more time.

My driving slowed down, my list disappeared, and I actually turned my cell phone off for a change.

The point?

Life is a journey, not a destination.

Think of all the little things you have, and appreciate them as if you'll never have them again.

This weekend, I'm proud to say, I didn't have to do anything. I did everything I needed to do. I hugged my mom, I ate a lot of food, I even put on a goofy looking blazer and hat and walked through the woods once or twice.

I didn't cuss out my dogs for licking me in the morning, or my brothers for being, well, my brothers. In fact, I didn't cuss at all.

I never lifted my pen to do a single piece of work. I didn't need to do that.

Why?

Because in the end I don't think my tombstone would read "She Failed" if I get a C in some random college class. I want to enjoy this life. I want to appreciate the people around me. I want to live while I can.

So do yourself a favor. Just stop yourself. Next week, tomorrow, today, right now, and look around yourself. See the beauty in the little things you never thought to look twice at. And don't waste the life you have.

You're only given one chance. So you might as well do it right. Life's a journey; not a destination.

Slow down, life's not a race. And even if it was, you'll never win if you don't stick around long enough to finish the course.

Depressed, huh



CUP O JOEL
Joel Shaw

I've been down so long that it looks like up to me. So go the lyrics and so goes life at times. I have recently experienced a period of down so long.

You and I know that life is made of ups and downs. We can expect them to come and we can also expect them to go. It is the times when the downs do not begin the climb back to a reasonable level of satisfaction and peace that we must become concerned for our health.

Like the rest of you, I have had my share of setbacks and disappointments in life. I have always recovered, that is, until an instance of depression several weeks ago rendered me helpless and spent. I mean "spent" as in I had no reserve of inner strength from which to draw. I was emotionally drained, except for tears of sorrow; those I had.

I have overheard many conversations about depression and its ability to put the brakes to the most dynamic and active individuals, bringing their lives to a troubled halt within a very short period of time.

I had heard the stories, but I didn't understand the consequences. I hadn't lived it. I didn't have first hand experience. I do now.

Now, I know how devastating and debilitating untreated depression can be. Depression took the sparkle out of my eyes, the smile off my face and the joy out of my heart.

Depression is not uncommon. I did experience some shame when I realized that I wasn't going to be able to deal with my depression by myself. There is also a stigma attached to depression as a type of mental disorder. You can bet that depression is a disorder, and personally I wanted nothing more than to restore the order to my mental disorder as quickly as possible. I needed help.

According to the National Foundation for Depressive Illness, Inc. an estimated 35-40 million Americans will suffer from major depressive illness during their lives. Those lives adversely affect the lives of others around them.

Many depressed people are untreated, and many of those depressed individuals will commit suicide.

I sought help because life is a wonderful gift to be enjoyed, not dreaded. I am happy to be back with a smile on my face, a twinkle in my eye, joy in my heart and a column to write.

So, if someone you know has been down so long, give them a lift up. There is treatment available for depression and it is no farther than your doctor's office.

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Perfect presents for perfect prices

Lindsey Schuldt

Now that Thanksgiving is over, the Christmas rush has begun. The countdown is on to find that perfect gift. The one that is worth a million bucks but can be purchased for under twenty dollars.

Here are some ideas to help spread the joy of the giving season, while saving as much money as possible.

"My best friend gave me a book of all our favorites together," said Leah Karaliunas, a sophomore in applied science. "She bought a blank book and put pictures in it labeling them 'favorite memory' and so on."

Small blank books are available at Wal-Mart for under 10 dollars, and colorful pens and assorted markers can be bought for less than five dollars per set.

Just find the perfect pictures and write underneath it what happened on that day or why the picture is so important. It is an inexpensive gift that may take a little more time but along with the time comes the extra meaning.

"She left several of the pages blank," said Karaliunas. "We still add to it all the time."

Another hot item to get friends, family and significant others is the 'no sew' blanket. Many people have them, and many people want them.

"I work at a fabric store and these fleece blankets are a great seller," said Trista Loth, a sophomore in apparel design.

Go to a store that has fleece fabric, such as Hancock Fabrics in Eau Claire, and buy two pieces of fleece that are each about one and a half yards long.

The top side can have a design, while the bottom is typically a solid color, although you can choose any type of fabric desired.

Then place the pieces on top of each other and match up the sides. Cut fringes around the edges and simply tie them together in knots. It's a low maintenance present that doesn't cost a fortune but can be used for a long time.

"They're fun and easy," Loth said, "and Hancock has one of the widest varieties of fleece in the country."

Another unique gift that can be purchased from five to 20 dollars is a Fondue maker.

The set includes several pans to warm up syrups, such as chocolate, and is portable for easy access by college students.

"Chocolate goes a long way," said Alyson Mitchell, a sophomore in hospitality and tourism. "And the possibilities are endless. I absolutely love mine."

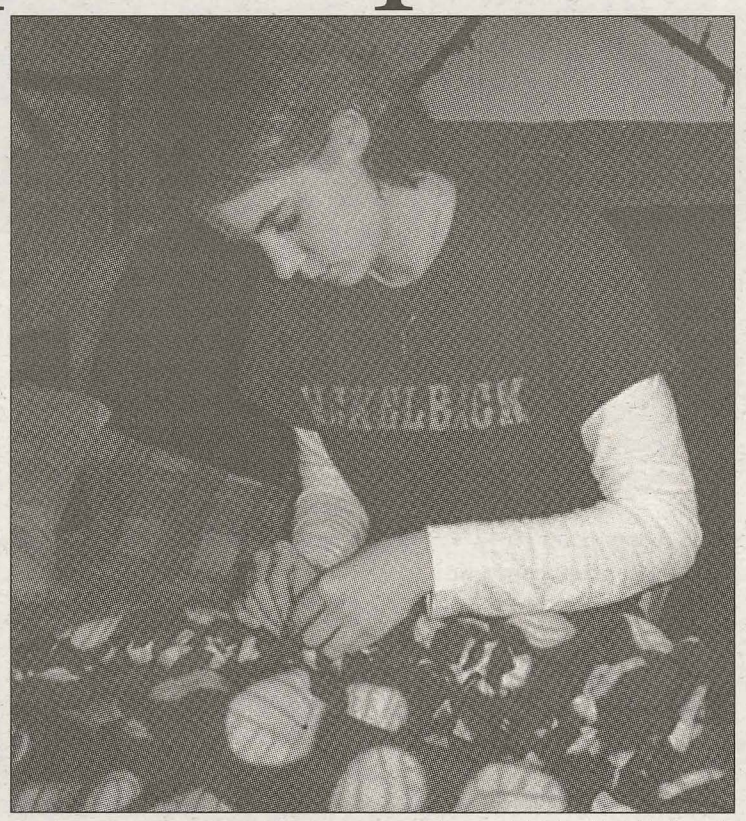
So what are some things that should definitely stay off of the Christmas gift list?

"Never buy a person personal hygiene products or makeup," said Shaelyn Benson, a sophomore in industrial design. "No one ever wants you to buy them makeup."

Deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and lipstick are all items that most people buy themselves and do not wish others to buy for them. A lot of people are stuck on a particular brand and it is hard to know what to get.

"Never buy someone the packaged jewelry either. It isn't real and always turns you green," said Benson.

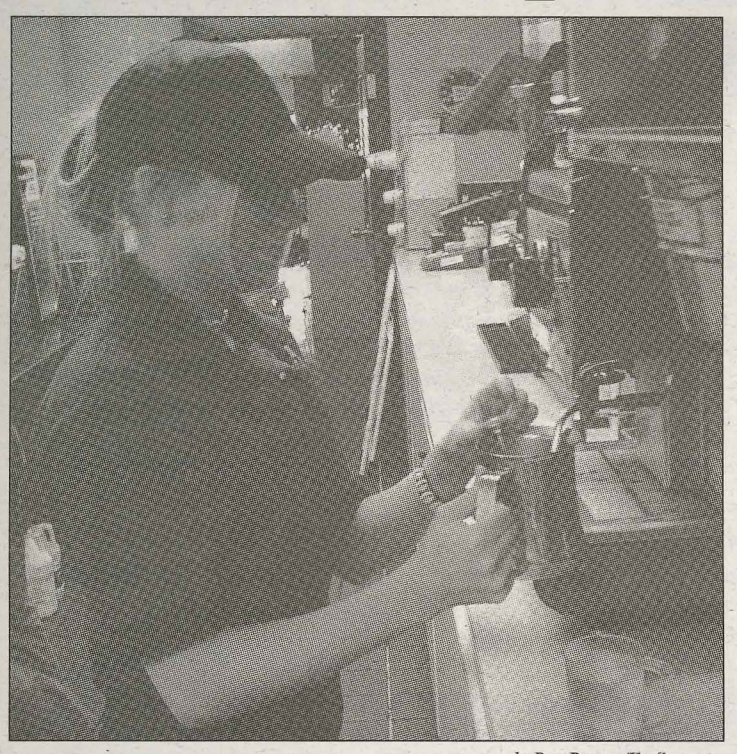
One last great gift, a great buy for anyone, is a new disposable camera that is digital. They can be purchased for less than fifteen dollars in most stores and will save the holiday memories for years to come.



by Diana Minea, The Stoutonia

In the cold weather season, the 'no sew' blanket is a popular homemade gift to give. Pictured above is Meagan Dischler creating a fleece version.

Pick-me-up in a cup can't cure it all



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Caffiene is a popular pick-me-up, especially around the end of the semester. Shown above: Nikki Sandstrom makes an espresso drink.

Lara Monk

It's in that Styrofoam cup you've been sipping from all morning. It's in that two-liter bottle you picked up at the convenience store last night. It's in your fridge, on your countertop and on all of your kitchen shelves.

Caffeine is a lot like the air we breathe. It's everywhere.

Nature has provided a host of pick-me-ups that you can eat, drink, inhale or inject that can temporarily make you feel less tired and more inspired.

Pick-me-ups work by chemically boosting your overstressed brain, thus helping to temporarily restore balance.

There are six commonly used pick-me-ups: simple sugars, caffeine, alcohol, solvents, chemicals and adrenaline. The most commonly used is caffeine.

"I use caffeine for more than a pick-me-up, I'm just plain addicted to it," said Michelle Karas, a senior studying hotel and tourism management. "Trying to stay motivated at work is really hard, so I can usually down a couple Frappucinos and hot chocolates during that time."

According to the National Soft Drink Association (NSDA), caffeine is found in coffee, tea, chocolate and some soft drinks. One cup of coffee has 107mg of caffeine, and one glass of cola has 47mg.

Over half of the U.S. population drinks at least two cups of coffee a day; 25% of coffee drinkers consume at least five cups daily, and 25% drink 10 or more cups a day.

NSDA claims that coffee is not just a beverage; it's a drug. Hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizens are physically addicted to coffee. This addiction level is a main reason why pick-me-ups are the wrong way to handle stress.

Persons who are in straining situations commonly use pick-me-ups in two styles: maintenance and binging.

The maintenance user tries to maintain a constant supply of their choice pick-me-up at all times.

"Some people need a beer, I need a Code Red Mountain Dew to help me think better and stay awake in class," said Sarah Roth, a junior in psychology. "I'm surprised I'm not sweating red, but I usually need one a day, unfortunately my one can has turned into a liter."

The binge user, on the other hand, may not use pick-me-ups for weeks, but then, one day indulge in a whole box of chocolates, two boxes of donuts or a six pack of beer.

After this orgy of sugar, caffeine or alcohol, they are fine again for a long time.

Those who use pick-me-ups to relieve stress have no idea how much they take in a day. These numbers keep rising and only cause more problems.

Information gathered from the University of Wisconsin-Stout dining reports showed that sales in products with caffeine rise during the time of finals. These products, such as cookies, candy bars, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, Frappucino and soda all increased tremendously.

Although caffeine gives your body an immense boost, the energy won't stay in your system for long, but the caffeine may. It could take all-day and part of the night for your body to get rid of the caffeine in your system. The half-life of caffeine is four to five hours, and yet so many continue refueling.

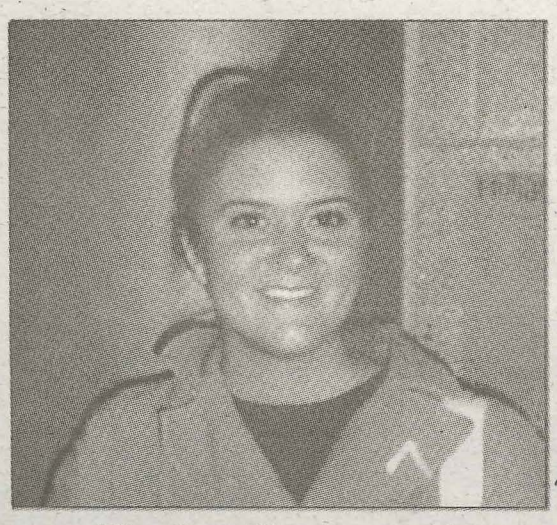
The reason we endure the pain from the mental jolt caffeine provides to our bodies is that it provides more motivation than a good pep talk from a coach or an inspirational "Rocky" movie. Caffeine enhances our mental focus and invigorates our psyche for the endeavors at hand.

"It hurts so good" is how many refer to the boost they receive. The NSDA is referring to the attribute of helping in the short run but doing more harm in the long run.

"This vicious cycle is characteristic of most addicting substances found in our society."

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STOUT WATCH



Heather Knutson - 21
general business

Hometown: Apple Valley, Minn.
Relationship status: Single

What are your plans for the summer after you graduate?
I'll hopefully get back to Scotland and the rest of Europe, get married and work, but only if I really have to.

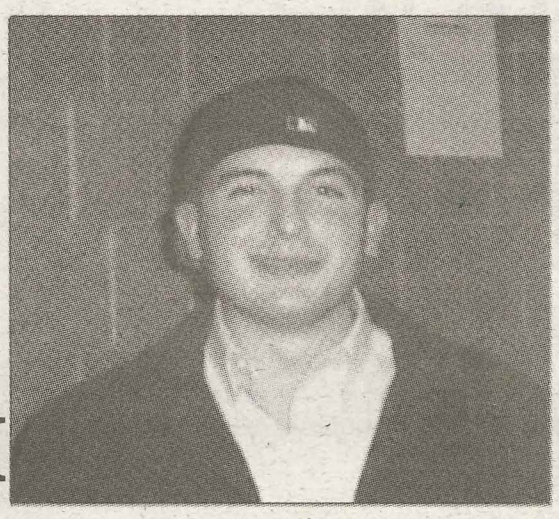
What strikes you first about someone you meet?
How highly they value regular dental visits, and the sparkle in their eye.

Describe your ideal date:
Well, since Menomonie has the hottest spots for dates in Wisconsin, I'd have a hard time choosing between The Kernal, Country Kitchen or Fortune Cookie.

What is the biggest risk you have taken in your life?
Selling books door to door in North Carolina for an entire summer.

What do you look for in a new shoe?
They must have good traction, so I am able to climb out my bedroom window, walk across the roof of our house, and then break into my roommates room to scare her and make her think we have ghosts.

Have you ever seen a ghost?
At the beginning of the year, the attic in our house would mysteriously light up at random times. We later found out it was us not knowing which light switches worked where.



Greg Altmann - 22
general business

Hometown: Green Bay, Wis.
Relationship Status: Single

What are your plans for the summer after you graduate?
Well, hopefully I will win the Powerball before that happens, so I won't have to work. Otherwise, I want to become the coolest everyday working guy out there.

Describe your ideal date:
Well, I would pack a picnic lunch and take my date fishing. She doesn't need to fish, she can just hang out. Then we would get on my private jet with a fully stocked bar for an evening trip to, wow, I don't know, wherever we want to go, because we can.

What strikes you first about someone you meet?
I can't help but notice a friendly smile and a nice pair of... pants.

What do you look for in a new shoe?
I'm glad you asked me this one because no one else takes the time to really get to know what another person looks for in a shoe. Well, I look for the right color, style and if the shoe fits, I put it on.

If you were a photographer, would you take photos of?
The most likely thing for a guy like me to say is naked ladies, but that's not where my passion lies. I would take pictures of the people that take pictures of naked ladies.

Questions and photos compiled by Ann Syrstad, The Stoutonia

Stout Watch is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students. If you have question ideas for Stout Watch or want to see someone featured, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Slant

If aliens landed at UW-Stout, where would you take them and why?



"To the Pawn so they can have the best food in the galaxy."

Rome Cagle
general business
senior



"The end of 20th avenue and give them some roofies."

Laura Tribolini
studio art
senior

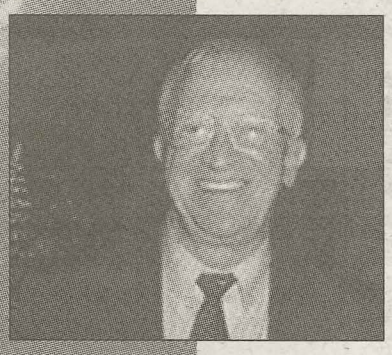


"To OB for the experience and the culture."

Caroline Hensel
interior design
senior

"To Millenium Hall and the recreation facilities for our students."

Charles Sorensen
Chancellor



Next Week:
What is your favorite thing to do in the snow?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"Finding peace in reflection during the end of semester stresses."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

Instead of complaining about the end of the semester and venting about all the final projects, final papers and final exams, I would like to reflect on what I have learned in my one and a half years at Stout.

Foremost, I have realized that college is an investment. In order to do what you want with life, you have to accept all the time and especially money that it eats up. Loans are not like chains.

I have also discovered that the past is the past. Sadly, friends change and grow apart as they grow older. Just because you have memories with someone doesn't mean you have a future, too.

On that note, however, I have found that somebody you may have just met can completely change who you are and how you think. Strangers offer some of the best advice. They leave bias and judgement out of it in order to help you decide what is best for you.

This semester especially, I have learned the important lesson that you shouldn't rush yourself. No one said you need to graduate in four years. Only take the amount of credits and classes you can physically and mentally handle. Never, ever take four studio art classes!

Another thing I realized is that dorm rooms, while eerily similar to jail cells, can be quite tolerable. They can be fun when you create forts, romantic when you pretend the Christmas lights are stars and relaxing when you just hang out on that beloved futon.

Finally, I have come to find that family isn't just there because they have to be, and they aren't just figures. Each family member has a unique trait I miss.

Just remember as you tear your hair out in panic as these final weeks wear on: final exams, final papers and final projects are just that: final. After that you get a new chance.

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Best of 2003 Menomonie

BEST...

date place		campus event	
greek organization		resident adviser	
restaurant		bartender	
landlord		grocery store	
on-campus job		liquor store	
off-campus job			
party house			
bar atmosphere			
drink special			
women's sport			
mens sport			
intramural/club sport			
professor/faculty			
custodian			
campus organization			
coffee shop			
athlete			
local band			
hair salon			

WORST...

campus rule	
on-campus job	
off-campus job	
bouncer at bar	
place to wake up	
party house	
place to live	

Rules...

1. *Best of Menomonie* ballots are to be handed into *The Stoutonia* boxes around campus.
2. Deadline for ballots is TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.
3. Only one ballot per student please.
4. A completed ballot is not required, but it is highly recommended. So do one. Now.



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The 411

Dec. 4 to Dec. 11

Thursday, Dec. 4
>Electing an Environmentally Responsible President, Kevin Keefe from the League of Conservation Voters, 7 p.m., MSC White Pine Room
>Totally 80's Open Mic Night, 8 p.m., MSC Heritage Cafe

Friday, Dec. 5
>Complex Zero, extreme rock music show, 7 p.m., Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, free
>Babes in Toyland, 7 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre, $12 adults, $10 students, $7 children
>Hockey UW-Eau Claire vs. UW-Stout, 7:30 p.m., Dunn Co. Ice Arena

Saturday, Dec. 6
>Victorian Holiday Celebration, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Downtown Menomonie
>Women's Basketball UW-Stout vs. UW-Eau Claire, 5 p.m., Zorn Arena at UW-Eau Claire
>Men's Basketball UW-Stout vs. UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m., Zorn Arena at UW-Eau Claire
>Babes in Toyland, 7 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre $12 adults, $10 students, $7 children
>Hockey UW-Stout vs. UW-Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m., Dunn Co. Ice Arena

Sunday, Dec. 7
>UW-Stout Band Holiday Concert, 2 p.m., MSC Great Hall, $2 students/senior citizens, $5 adults
>Babes in Toyland, 2 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre $12 adults, $10 students, $7 children
>UW-Stout Choir Winter Choral Concert, 5 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, free

Monday, Dec. 8
no events scheduled

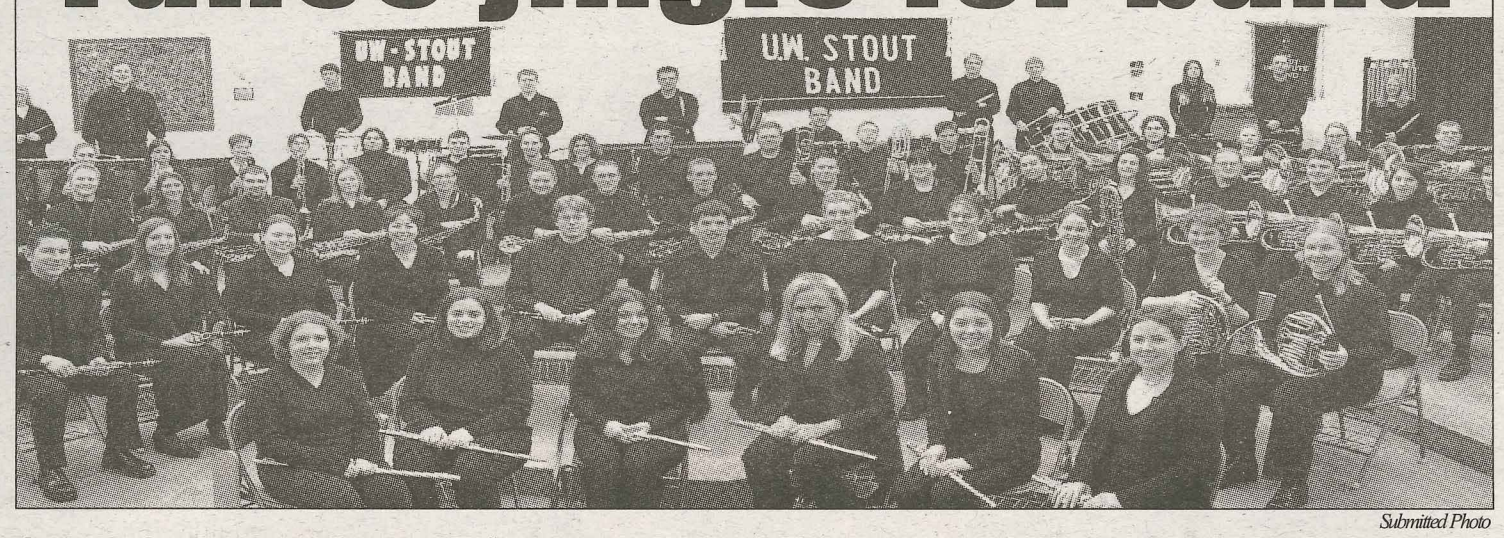
Tuesday, Dec. 9
>Women's Basketball UW-Stevens Point vs. UW-Stout, 7 p.m., Johnson Fieldhouse
>Ultimate X, ESPN extreme sports movie, 7 p.m., MSC Huffs, free

Wednesday, Dec. 10
>Retirement Reception, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., MSC Ballrooms A-C
>Men's Basketball UW-Stevens Point vs. UW-Stout, 7 p.m., Johnson Fieldhouse
>Heriuspecs & Doomtree, hip hop bands, 8 p.m., MSC Huffs, free

Thursday, Dec. 11
no events scheduled

Have anything to add to the Campus Calander? Send suggestions to stoutonia@uwstout.edu or solfestt@uwstout.edu

Tunes jingle for band



Submitted Photo

One hundred seven students make up the UW-Stout concert and jazz bands. The groups perform a holiday concert Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Great Hall.

Jaime VandenHoogen

It's Christmas time again, and with Christmas comes presents, cookies, candy and of course, music. The University of Wisconsin-Stout band will be having its annual Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

This concert is a highly attended event with approximately four to five hundred attendees each year. Members from the community, students, faculty, staff and family all attend this holiday musical event.

A great deal of preparation and hard work goes into a concert such as this one.

"We have been working since homecoming for our concert," said Stephanie Graber, associate professor of music and band director. "We practice two days a week."

Members of the UW-Stout band recognize the hard work and dedication required to ensure that the performance is a success.

"Dr. Graber, as always, did a good job of preparing the band during rehearsals," said John Fonstad, senior in manufacturing and engineering and a member of the band. "Apart from band practices, students, including myself, normally come to band a few minutes early and run through tough parts before band time starts."

The band will be performing a variety of songs from holiday favorites to commemorative tunes. Mannheim Steamroller's version of "Away in a Manger," an Irish Celtic version of "What Child is This" and "O Come all Ye Faithful," are a few of the selections to be performed by the UW-Stout band.

A favorite piece of some band members is the percussion-heavy, Celtic tune "What Child is This."

"The percussion section has a lot of fun toys that they use throughout the piece," said Fonstad. "Since I sit in the trumpet section [that is close to the drummers], I've gotten to hear many of the different drum parts."

In addition to the holiday selections, the UW-Stout band will perform a medley that commemorates a musical legend.

"We also are playing a tribute to Louis Armstrong with a medley of "What a Wonderful World," "When the Saints Go Marching In," "Saint Louis Blues" and "Hello Dolly," said Graber.

While the holidays are the main focus, there will also be another aspect to this concert.

"Our major work will be 'Regenesis,' [a piece] written to commemorate the eruption of Mount Saint Helens," said Graber. "It is absolutely awesome with our percussion section portraying the eruption."

"Regenesis," by John Higgins, commemorates the tenth anniversary of the Mount St. Helens eruption in May 1980. The eruption had a force equal to 500 Hiroshima attacks and destroyed 230 square miles of land. All the different stages of the eruption will be portrayed in this piece: vistas, warning, cataclysm, void and renewal.

The jazz band will also be performing several pieces at the concert. "April in Paris," "Lisa's Song," "The Christmas Song" and "Blue Skies" are a few of the selections to be performed. The jazz band will be under the direction of Andrew Neesley and Joseph Hartson. The performance will also include original works written by Neesley and Hartson.

Admission is $2 for senior citizens and students, and $5 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the service desk in the MSC.

Looking for lots of local laughs?

Eric Iverson

Take a break from the all the stress of last minute term papers and that dreaded final exam to hop in your hooptie with a few friends to go to a comedy club.

There are four comedy clubs within 80 miles of dorm land. Jericho's Lounge and Grill is on Hendrickson Drive in Eau Claire, Wis.

Jericho's is located in the Best Western and features up and coming comedians every Friday and Saturday night. For $8, you can see comics on national tours and for an extra $20 get a fish fry dinner. Sound kind of pricey? Don't fret. Eauclairesquare.com has online tickets for half the price.

ACME Comedy Club is located on North 1st Street in Minneapolis, Minn. With shows Monday through Saturday, it's hard to find a time when you can't go.

ACME has drawn big name comedians such as Dave Attell, Lewis Black, Jim Gaffigan and Todd Barry. Depending on the comedian, prices start at $10. The 18-plus club also offers a dinner special for $24, which includes a $14 entrée and reserved seating.

"ACME offers birthday specials where you and five friends get in free any day during your birthday month," said Bryan Millard, a senior in hospitality and tourism. "That way you can spend your money on just booze instead of booze AND tickets."

If you don't like stand-up comedy yet still need to get your laughs, there are two improv clubs within a short drive.

Comedy Sportz is competitive improvisational comedy, so the audience never sees the same thing twice. Two teams compete for points and laughs based on audience involvement.

The shows claim to be funny enough for bachelor parties, but clean enough for church groups. Shows for all ages are at 8 and 10:30 p.m. at 3001 Hennepin Ave. in Minneapolis, Minn.

Comedy Sportz also offers corporate shows, classes and workshops in which they say you can learn team building, trust, spontaneity, scene building, accepting and conquering fears.

"I liked Comedy Sportz five years ago," said Jason Noennig, a senior in telecommunications. "But now that I'm older, I think it's kinda lame."

Another impov club, Stevie Ray's Comedy Cabaret, is located in the Radisson Hotel in Bloomington, Minn. near the Mall of America. Like Comedy Sportz, Stevie Ray's specializes in improv on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets start at $10 and with dinner they jump to $22. Stevie Ray's also offers corporate training, improv school and customized entertainment.

You might be saying this is all fine and dandy, but you don't have a car, nor do your friends. Well, don't forget about Blue Devil Productions (BDP). BDP offers comedians regularly, sometimes more than three a month.

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Staying entertained in a small town

Aaron Zaffke

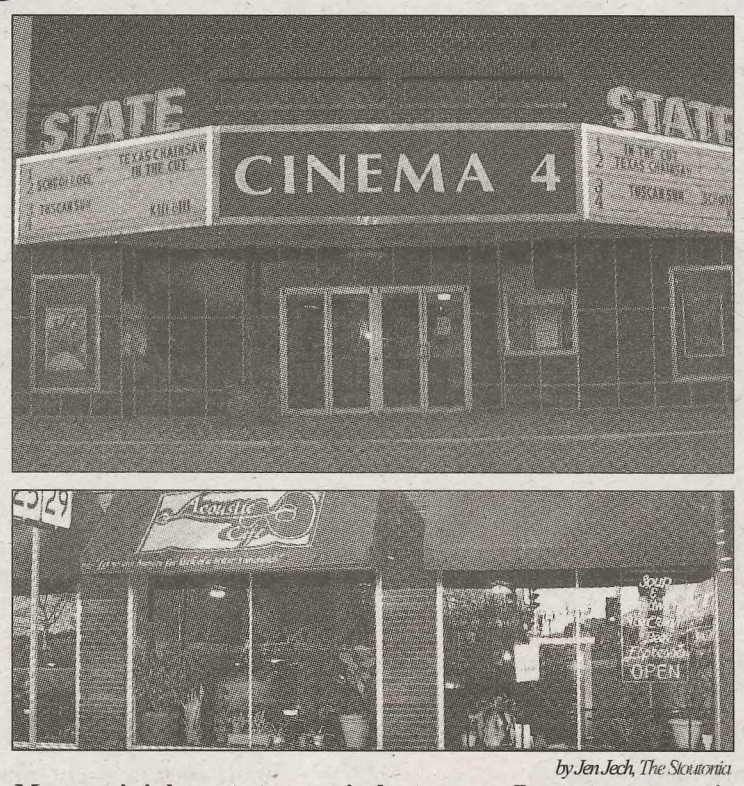
To the untrained eye, Menomonie may seem like a dull, boring, mind-numbing town.

A lot of people who come here have trouble finding things to do. Although Menomonie sports a lively music and theater scene, I can testify that if I had a dollar for every time I heard someone say the only thing to do in this town is drink, I'd be well on my way to having my tuition paid off.

Speaking of tuition, what about all those segregated fees? Where does that money go?

"We program 60 events a year, and there is at least one free event weekly, so there is no lack of inexpensive entertainment," said Amanda Dobbratz, the music director of Blue Devil Productions (BDP), and a senior in studio art.

BDP isn't the only source of campus entertainment. Check out University Theatre at http://lorenzo.uwstout.edu/theatre/utheatre.html for news on how to get involved in plays, or just to attend them.



by Jen Jech, The Stoutonia

Menomonie is home to two movie theaters as well as numerous music and art venues. UW-Stout also hosts the renowned Sushi Burgers shows.

You couldn't have University Theatre with out Alpha Psi Omega (APO), a national theater honor society. Every year, APO puts on a sketch comedy show called Sushi Burgers.

"It kept me in stitches," said Kari Dawson, associate hall director of HKMC. "It's Comedy Sportz, Stout style; you just have to experience it."

Tired of the college scene? Go off campus to see a theater production at the Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater at 205 Main St. Inquire at the box office by calling 235-0001. Many showings offer special student ticket discounts.

If you want to see a show, but prefer not to share your oxygen with thespians, consider seeing a movie. CineMagic Stadium 7 Theater offers movie viewing in a state-of-the-art environment. Call ahead for show times at 232-8800.

Low on funds? The State Cinema 4 offers movies at low prices with the added perk of pizza delivered right to your seat. You can find the State Cinema 4 close to campus on Broadway, or contact the theater at 235-5733.

For music lovers, there are many opportunities in Menomonie. Next to the State Cinema 4 is The Den, where the John Stanton Band plays the blues every Thursday night. There is a small cover charge on those nights and patrons must be 21 or older.

If you are more into new-age acoustic music, the Acoustic Café is just a few steps south of The Den. Every other Thursday there is an open mic night. Bring your guitar, spoken word, weird human trick or just come to watch everyone else. The café also hosts concerts for more serious musicians every Saturday. For more information call 235-1115.

"Open mic night [at Acoustic Café] is a great opportunity for local musicians to show their talents; it's a really accepting atmosphere," said Ryan Peterson, music manager of the Acoustic Café, and a junior majoring in technical communication.

The Acoustic Café is by no means a monopoly of the open mic scene; BDP sponsors weekly open mic nights in the Memorial Student Center as well.

The Net House Café also provides a venue for Menomonie citizens to shine.

"We have open mic every other Friday night, and we also do bands," said Sandra Banks, a server at the Net House Café. "Everything is web cast here."

Border battle: which ethnic eatery excels?



FEED YOUR BELLY
Paige Klein

Looking for great ethnic food where the price value equals the taste? Other than the fast food taco joints, there are two other restaurants offering a south of the border experience. El Patio and That Mexican Place are fairly new to this town; both opened within the last three years and both offer casual dining authentic Mexican cuisine.

The two-storied That Mexican Place offers great bagels and coffee as you are passing through from North Campus in addition to great lunch specials. It has attentive service and prices that fit within a range of $5.25 lunch specials to $8-9 dinner entrees. Carryout is also a great benefit. One unique entrée that you definitely should try is the mahi-mahi fish tacos.

"I love their service and food," said Lindsay Schade, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "That Mexican Place has great daily-made salsa and I can't get over how fresh the food tastes."

El Patio, located on the opposite side of campus in the L-Mart shopping strip, is the other establishment offering authentic Mexican cuisine. Once known for the $.99 margaritas, it now has a 5-7 p.m. margarita special for $1.49 Monday-Wednesday. El Patio is also known for its complementary chips and salsa and large portions.

A random poll of 25 University of Wisconsin-Stout students concluded that 18 opted for El Patio despite the farther distance from campus.

"I would not go to That Mexican Place because I have heard bad things," said Cory Schumacher, a senior in graphic design. "At El Patio I enjoy the atmosphere, the service is fast and there is a variety of selection. You can't beat the chips and salsa either."

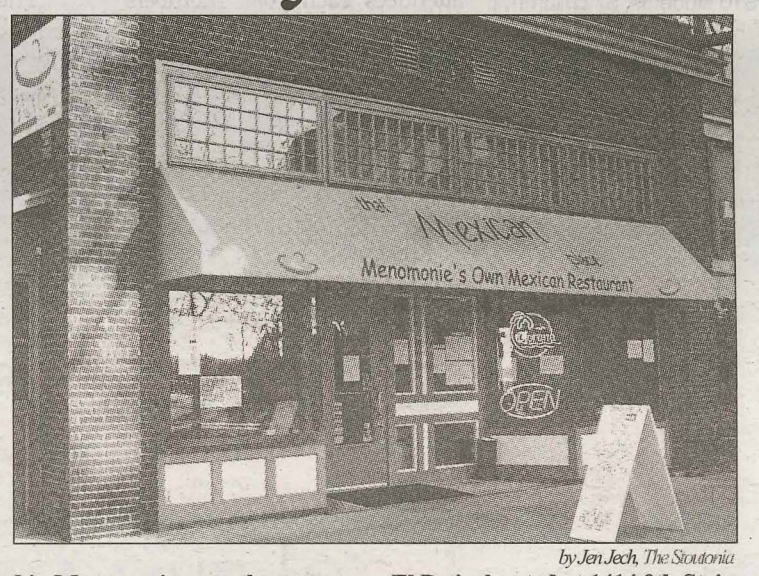
Even though El Patio seems to be the popular choice for UW-Stout students in Mexican cuisine, some students note that there are pros and cons, as with any restaurant.

"The servers at El Patio seem a little rusty in English, which might lead to order mix-ups, and I miss the margarita specials," said Maggie Schmidt, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "I like the food and their desserts look interesting."

In the black and white comparison, it would seem that That Mexican Place has the better advantage. But, in overall comparison, El Patio seems to be better known.

My vote: Being a poor college student, I want food that tastes great and doesn't break the pocketbook. Both establishments are easy to get to and offer the same basic entrees. But, I can't deny that quality rules out everything else.





by Jen Jech, The Stoutonia

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Four film classics of Christmas



MOVIEREVIEW
Glenn Hintze

Christmas just wouldn't be the same without the movies. Ever since the early days of American film, it has been the time of year to showcase the fundamental spirit on which our lives exist today: happiness, family, community and unadulterated generosity. Only a few Christmas films have fulfilled our holiday palates, and reached iconic stature. You all know them, they're the ones played every day in December without fail.

With all the gifts and food and joy most of us are surrounded by this holiday season, it's easy to forget the downtrodden. "A Christmas Carol" is the movie to remind us that not everyone can be so lucky. A plethora of screen adaptations have been made of Charles Dickens' fabled short story, and even Bugs Bunny and The Flintstones have starred in this classic. There's no Christmas villain worse than Ebeneezer Scrooge. His torturous journeys through Christmas past and future, accompanied by those famous ghosts, teach him the evils of greed during the giving season. This movie should be enough to cajole the entire family into doing something generous, like donating a gift for a poor child, or at least dropping some change into the Salvation Army's bucket as a reward for all the bell ringing.

Speaking of bells, every time one rings, an angel gets his wings. At least that's the way it goes in "It's a Wonderful Life," simply the best when it comes to holiday films. Film icon Jimmy Stewart flashes his acting brilliance as George Bailey, a frustrated businessman who wonders if the world wouldn't be better without him. Before allowing him to kill himself, an angel shows George exactly what the world would be like if he never existed. With the help of his guardian angel, George realizes that there's more to life than money, and the important things are right there waiting for him. If there are any dry eyes in the house after watching this movie, it's a sure thing that they'll be getting coal for Christmas.

As college students, we all stopped believing in Santa Claus long ago, so anyone who honestly thinks that they are the jolly old elf must be clinically insane. This is the question posed in "A Miracle on 34th Street," the classic Christmas film from 1947. After a department store Santa is tossed for being a drunkard, he is replaced by a kind old man who perfectly embodies the Christmas spirit. He embodies it so well, in fact, because he believes he is the real Santa Claus. When Santa is thrown into the insane asylum, a young lawyer decides to defend Mr. Claus. The trial progresses, and only a miracle would save Santa, and that's just what he gets.



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Jimmy Stewart stars in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life," a 1946 Christmas classic. The movie emphasizes the good things in life.

2003 shows us that not every mall Santa is as good as the one in "A Miracle on 34th Street." Billy Bob Thornton plays Willie, a rude, crude, drunken mall Santa Claus. He proceeds to consecrate everything great and holy about Christmas, from swearing at the children to drinking and wetting himself in public. This movie is certainly not for any holiday purists, and it will certainly offend some, but anyone looking for a laugh this holiday season, this is the film for you.

Two senior art students show off their stuff

Diana Minea

In a world that is always progressing, developing and inventing, it can be hard to find artwork that is a little old fashioned. Computers often replace paintbrushes and almost any object can be transformed into a sculpture.

"Traditional yet Progressive" is the idea behind the senior art show of Andrea Chamberlain and Christina Williams. Their pieces show creative ways to express an advancing culture, while also making them appear conventional.

Chamberlain, a senior majoring in art education, focused on sculpture in her portion of the show. The pieces are made mostly of wood, although one is mixed media.

"I explore the conflicting concept of the individual lost in the suburban landscape and the numerous apprehensions included in this subject," said Chamberlain.

When first walking into the room, the sculpture objects attract attention immediately, but a little secret waits to be noticed on the front walls. Spelled in huge letters is the word "Fear" backwards.

"I wanted to show the idea that fear is something you don't know you're walking into," said Chamberlain.

The fear painting also relates to her favorite piece, the mixed media sculpture.

"Soap" consists of a sink with no faucet, and above it hangs a medicine cabinet full of soap. Fear can be seen in the correct direction when looking in the mirror.

"It is mainly about obsessive compulsive disorder and the question of when something society expects of you turns into a disorder," said Chamberlain.

Wooden sculptures make up the largest part of her show. These structures show simple figures like cats, dogs, beavers and lawn equipment. However, when studied more closely, they reveal a common theme.

"The figures are based on language you wouldn't normally use in church," said Chamberlain. "The female dog is the most obvious."

Each sculpture carries the dictionary definition of the word it represents, causing the pieces to appear very traditional until the theme is later discovered.

Other objects include pieces of fake grass with vertical wooden poles connected at the top by caution tape. These represent the fences people come across when trying to achieve their goals, as well as the reality that dreams are not always what they seem, hence the fake grass.

"People are trying to achieve things that are artificial," said Chamberlain.

Williams, a senior double majoring in art education and studio art with a concentration in painting, used fewer pieces to form her show, but achieved high impact as well.

The back walls in the student gallery are the first things many students notice when entering the show, and that is where her paintings and photographs hang. The paintings are images of her daughter, and the photographs are of Williams herself.

Her daughter provides the most inspiration in her life, as well as in her artwork.

"By asking what is good for her growth mentally and physically, it mirrors the same questions back to me," said Williams.

It is obvious, at first glance, that the paintings are supposed to represent emotion. Each of the four canvases show the little girl making a distinct expression.

"I wanted to show the obviousness and extremeness of childrens' emotions," said Williams. "Childrens' innocence flows more freely than adults'."

She wanted to make a comparison in the evident emotions of children to the disguised emotions of adults.

"Sometimes we will be screaming inside when our expressions say something else," said Williams. "We will show faux expressions, faux anger."

This explains why there is only one painting for each of the child's emotions, but a minimum of two photographs of Williams shows the same feeling.

Each painting uses a different color scheme and technique to convey the emotion.

"Colors represent emotion without verbal communication, [and] without physical communication," said Williams. "I used the small differences that people take advantage of."

Using redder skin tones, harsher lines or different compositions in each piece causes them to subtly stand apart from each other so the overall maroon scheme ties them strongly together.

Her color technique, like areas of magenta in the face, is one way she pushes beyond traditional art and into a more progressive style.

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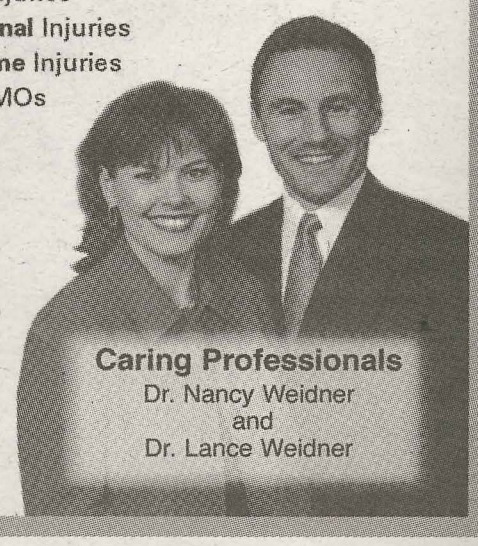
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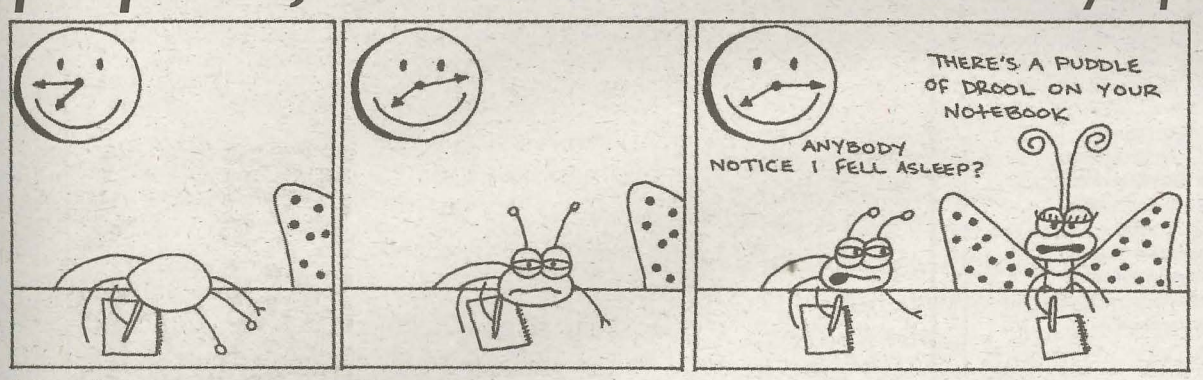
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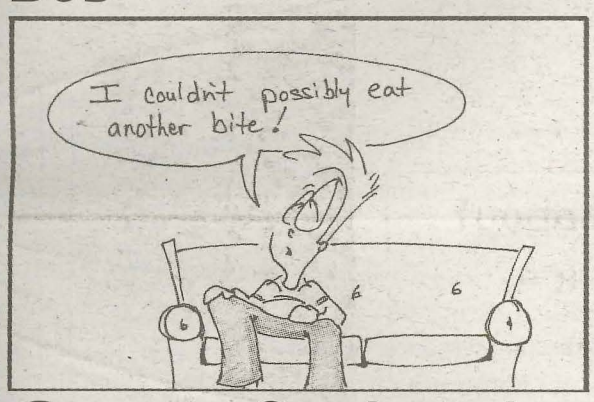
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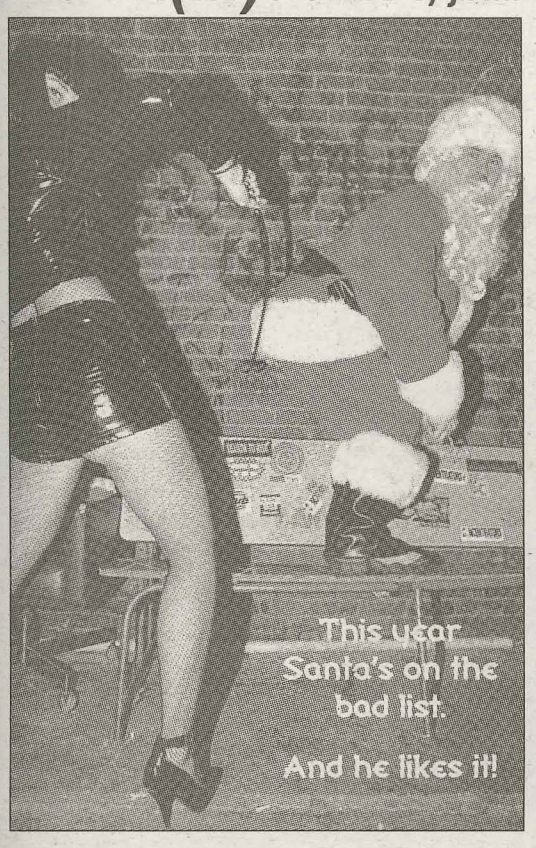


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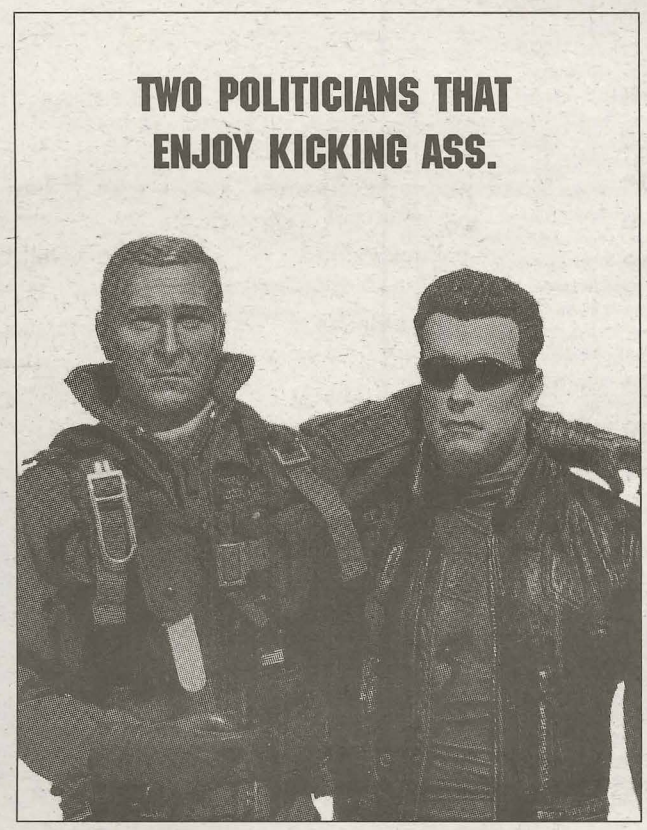




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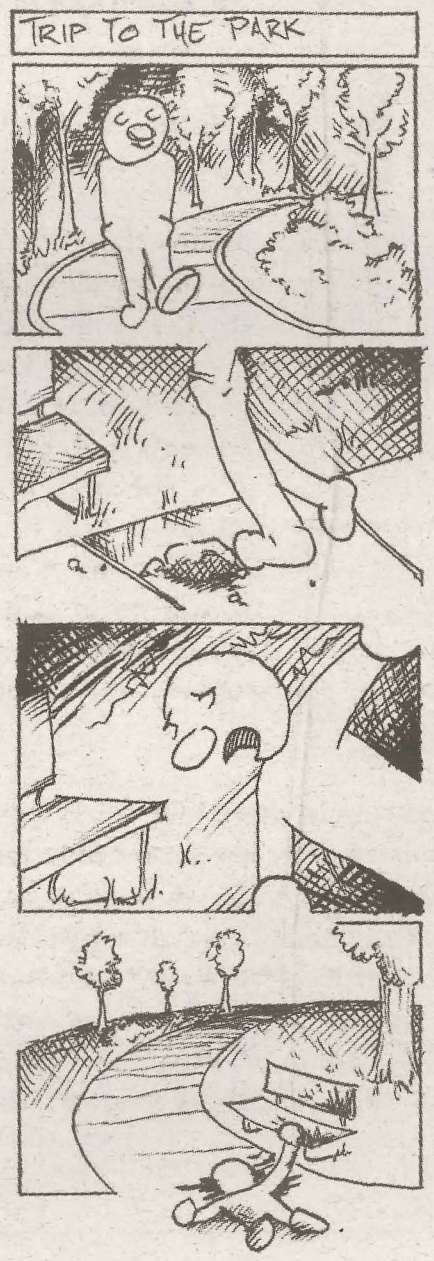
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4	1	2235 So Broadway	$940	$235	$1140	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	2	1721 7th St.	$1120	$280	n/a	n/a	Includes Util. WASHER/DRYER, Parking	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
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4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	2	1301 9th Street	$1020	$255	$1200	$300	Beautiful house/garage/Location/WASH.DRYER	H
4	2	1415 8th Street	$1000	$250	$1150	$288	Upgraded recently,great location,parking,W/D	D
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4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
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5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	1803 7th St	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	Washer/Dryer/parking/good location	D
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1050	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2.5	1502 - 7th St.	$840	$140	$1,050	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/new siding	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
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6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	
7	3	819 7th St.	$1610	$230	$1,785	$255	Location / WASHER/DRYER	H
7	2	820 11th St.	$1820	$260	$2100	$300	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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8	2	1208 8th St.	$1,200	$150	$1,440	$180	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
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Blue Devils win turkey shootout

Wesley Simonis

This year's Turkey Shootout was a non-stop battle for the Blue Devil men's basketball team.

In the two day tournament, the Blue Devils went 2-0, and both games were filled with intensity, execitement, and key plays as the Blue Devils clinched come from behind victories.

In the first game of the tournament, the Universitiy of Wisconsin-Stout hosted Northwestern College.

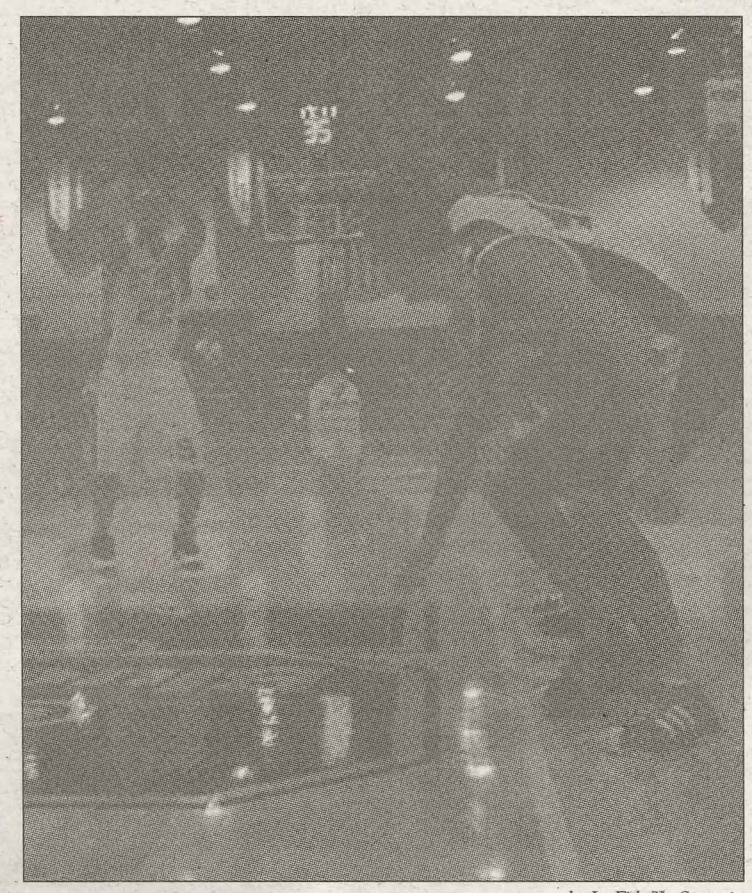
The Blue Devils found themselves down 44-32 five minutes into the second half. The ralley began with Jeff Vandenberghe, who began a 26-1 run with a steal and a basket, as UW-Stout charged to an 84-60 win on Friday, Nov. 28 at Johnson Fieldhouse.

The Blue Devils started sluggish in the first game, shooting a mere 35 percent in the first half, with no sign of improvement until Vandenberghe came up with the key steal, and went nearly full-court for an unchallenged lay-up at the 15:17 mark of the second half.

Vandenberghe then followed up with a three-pointer 40 seconds later and blew the game wide open.

During the scoring span, Vandenberghe scored seven of his game-high 19 points. Greg Chaisson added six of his eight points during the run, and Nate Templer added four of his points in the span.

The second day of the tournament was the hardest test for UW-Stout. The Blue Devils faced Carleton College in the championship game.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Isaac Reece lines up a free throw during the first game of WIAC action on Dec. 3. The Blue Devils have started the season off well at 5-1.

Carlton was an opponent they hadn't played in more than 50 years, but when the game started, the teams played as if they were fierce rivals.

Carlton held a 50-39 lead with six minutes left, but UW-Stout worked away at the lead as Vandenberghe scored seven points, followed by Andy Bray's four points.

Chaisson and Isaac Reece each added a bucket to give the Blue Devils a shot at the lead.

Trailing by one point with just over a minute to play, Vandenberghe hit a 3-pointer to gain the lead 56-54.

It was UW-Stout's first lead since early in the game, and the strong finish allowed the Blue Devils to shut out the Knights for the rest of the game clinching a 61-54 win in the Turkey Shootout finals.

"I think I challenged some of our guys who were not playing to their full potential," said men's head coach Ed Andrist. "Good players usually step up when challenged and our guys definately played better."

With a 5-1 record the Blue Devils are on the right track at the start to their season. UW-Stout will begin conference play on Dec. 3 against the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

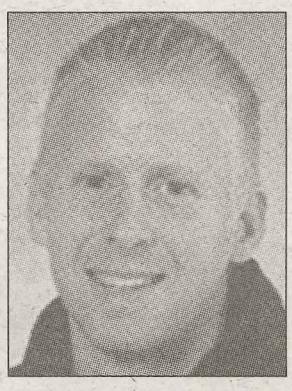
The team came into the season with a fourth place ranking and is expecting as many as 12 different players who will be able to make big plays on the court.



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Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Jeff Vandenberghe

The Facts:
Basketball
senior
Coon Rapids, Minn.
business

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *The Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

The Blue Devil men's basketball team was undefeated this past weekend due to a little help from senior foreward Jeff Vandenberghe.

In the first game of UW-Stout's home tournament, Vandenberghe made a key steal to give the Blue Devils momentum. After the steal, UW-Stout went on a 26-1 run to defeat Northwestern College.

In the championship match against Carlton College, Vandenberghe again made a key play securing a Blue Devil victory. With just over a minute left in the game, he made the three point shot that allowed the UW-Stout to defeat Carlton for the Turkey shootout Championship.

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Paintball club shooting for fun

Ryan Wessley

Paintball, at Stout? Yes, for the past three years the University of Wisconsin-Stout Paintball Club (SPC) has been in full swing as an official club sport of the University.

At the present time, the club consists of 21 members.

The club plays both indoors and outdoors, and the cost of being a member of the SPC is broken down into numerous categories. The main cost is $30 for a full year membership and $20 for a semester membership.

If a student wanted to get involved in lazerball, the cost of a membership is $10 a year and $7 a semester.

Students who are full members both in the $30 or $20 membership categories have the right to voice their opinion and vote on SPC decisions. Full members are also entitled to all lazer-*ball benefits.*

What about people who don't have a paintball gun?

One of the benefits of paying full membership fees is that the SPC club provides members with one of six Tippman 98 custom paintball guns.

Students and faculty are encouraged to check out the SPC club at http://www.uwstout.edu/student/paintball or email at stoutpaintball@uwstout.edu

There are two main paintball seasons at UW-Stout. The outdoor season runs September thru November, depending upon the weather.

The spring brings a new season, which usually begins in March and lasts until the end of the year.

SPC club plays at Bubba's Paintball in Elk Mound, Wis. and First Strike Paintball in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

During the winter, the SPC club challenges each other and keeps their game sharp with indoor lazerball.

Lazerball practice is held in the West Gym of the field house on Wednesdays.

Students should also be on the lookout for the SPC 's yearly tournament.

The tournament is this spring and it is the club's 4th annual charity tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society.

A date and place for the tournament has yet to be determined, so be sure to check their website for details on the event.

To add to their accomplishments, SPC is also a recognized National Collegiate Paintball Association (NCPA) club.

If students are interested in joining SPC, contact president Tim Strey at streyt@uwstout.edu for more details.

The SPC is actively recruiting new members and encourages anyone to join at anytime.



submitted by, by Stout Paintball Club

Tim Strey counterfires on an opponent in an SPC match. The Paintball Club has many benefiits for its members. Students who pay $20 to $30 get the benefits of their own paintball gun from the club and are also involved in making many club decisions.

This week in Blue Devil athletics

Wesley Simonis

Women's Basketball

The Blue Devil women's basketball team played a non-stop solid game to defeat the University of Wisconsin-Superior 94-58 Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the WIAC opener.

After falling way behind initially, the Yellowjackets clawed back into the game and hung on with the Blue Devils throughout the first half as the University of Wisconsin-Stout led only 43-32 at halftime.

The Lady Blue Devils came out of the locker room with a fire lit under them, going on a 24-0 run over the first seven minutes of the second half.

At that point, the game was virtually over. Lindsey Erichsen had four points in the first three minutes of the second half to kick start the run.

UW-Stout had five players in double figures. Sara Kahl led the team with 18 points. Molly Hendricks finished with 14 points.

Erichsen had 12 points as did Laura Verdegan, who also had 11 rebounds. Savanah Oeltjen added another 10 points.

Yellowjacket Stephanie Janigo lead her team's scoring with 12 points. Other standouts were 11 points from Molly Ray and 10 points from Shannon Johannes.

Overall, the Blue Devils held a huge advantage off the boards, pulling down 59 rebounds to only 38 for Superior.

UW-Stout will be at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Saturday, Dec. 6 and will host the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Hockey

In the final game of the UW-Stout Thanksgiving Tournament, the Blue Devil hockey team came out on top with a victory again. Mitch Kellin scored two goals in an 11 second span to power UW-Stout to a 4-0 win over the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) at the Dunn County Ice Arena.

The Blue Devils, who are currently at (9-2-0), had the lead 1-0 when Kellin scored on a power play goal 5 minutes, 55 seconds into the second period.

Just seconds later, Kellin scored again, this time with both teams at full strength.

UW-Stout was not done scoring in the period. At the 7:31 mark, John Schaffner scored, with assists by Derek Nichols and Curt Caverly.

The Blue Devils outshot MSOE (47-20) as UW-Stout goalie Jeff Dotson recorded his second shutout of the season. The Raiders' Joe Dovalina recorded 43 saves.

The win pushed UW-Stout's winning streak to six, matching a school record dating back to the 1974-75 season.

The 9-2-0 record is also the best start ever in Stout hockey history.

UW-Stout will host UW-Eau Claire, Friday, Dec. 5 as the teams open up Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) at 7:30 p.m. UW-Stout will host UW-Stevens Point, Saturday, Dec. 6.

Soccer

UW-Stout mid-fielder Carrie Schrank was named to the third team of the 2003 CoSIDA Academic All-America College Division Women's soccer team.

Schrank, who posts a 3.90 grade point average led the NCAA Division III in assists in the latest rankings by the NCAA with a school record 19 assists.

She also had been named to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) scholastic honor roll twice, as a member of the Academic Honor Society, receiveing the Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence four times.

She also has received the President's Student Service Award.

Schrank finished the season with five goals to go along with her 19 assists for a total of 29 points.

Schrank is the school's all-time assists leader with 29 assists over the last three seasons. The majority of her assists came off of corner kicks.

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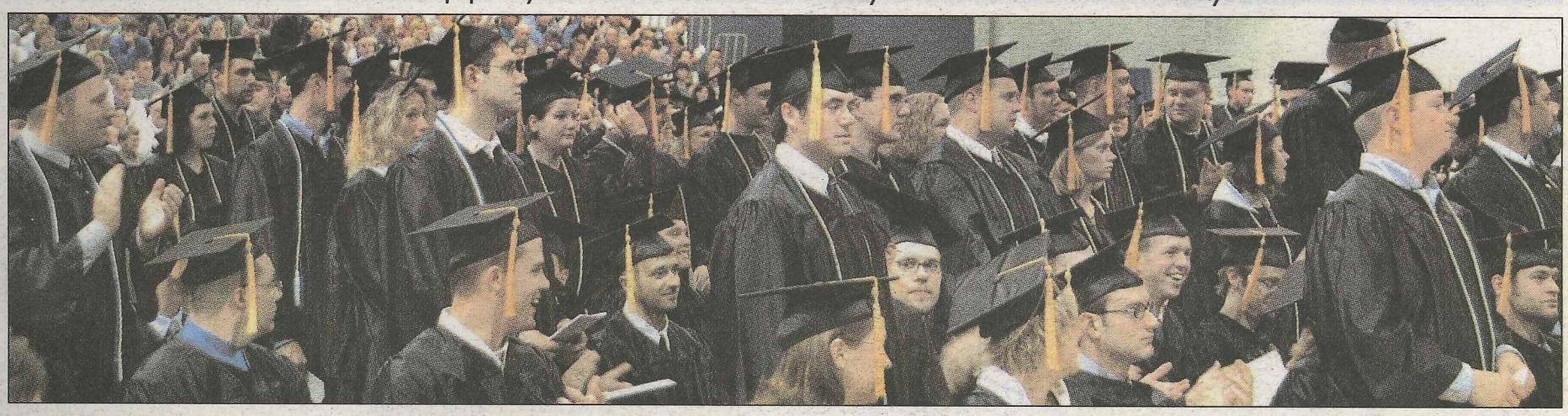
The newspaper by the students for the University of Wisconsin-Stout community

student life

Fictional character Santa Claus has a deep and extensive history starting in 1773.

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Courtesy of University Archives

560 winter graduates to take the walk

Joel Shaw

The third and final commencement exercise of 2003 will take place Saturday morning at Johnson Fieldhouse as some 560 graduates take the walk across the stage, leaving behind the role of student and becoming alumni from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

UW-Stout Provost Robert Sedlak will preside over the ceremony and Chancellor Charles Sorensen will offer a brief message and present diplomas.

In the early years of Stout Training School, graduation ceremonies lasted up to five days as each student was allowed to read their thesis out loud before an audience. By 1914, student enrollment surpassed 500 and the ceremony was shortened to one day.

The trend now is to make the ceremonies as brief as possible.

"Over the years they have worked harder and harder to shorten these ceremonies," said English professor Dan Riordan. Riordan is one of three Assistant Marshalls who helps lead the procession of graduates at the ceremony.

In recent years, a service award and teacher of the year award was given during the ceremony, and those recipients would give a speech. This is no longer the case according to Riordan.

"I don't think anybody feels bad about that," Riordan said laughing. "You know, the idea with those commencement speeches is to commence."

Josh Probst, a graduate student in training and development, will be receiving his master's degree seven months after receiving his undergraduate degree.

Probst decided to turn around and earn his master's after determining the job market wasn't very good.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Wisconsin is currently experiencing six percent unemployment, compared to 5.4 percent in May.

"I have got to get this damned thesis nailed down, and then I'll be ready to rock and roll," Probst said.

Probst estimates he has submitted upwards of 100 resumes, but admits that he has done most of his job searching online and says he should be submitting hard-copies as well. Probst is currently working at a tree farm with migrant workers.

"If all else fails, I'll sell cars," Probst said.

Caroline Hensel, an interior design (ID) major is busy putting the final touches on her semester-long commercial space project at a workstation in the ID studio before she graduates on Saturday.

"I have a great feeling of success, and at the same time I'm sad that I'm finishing," Hensel said. "I don't want to go out [into the job market]."

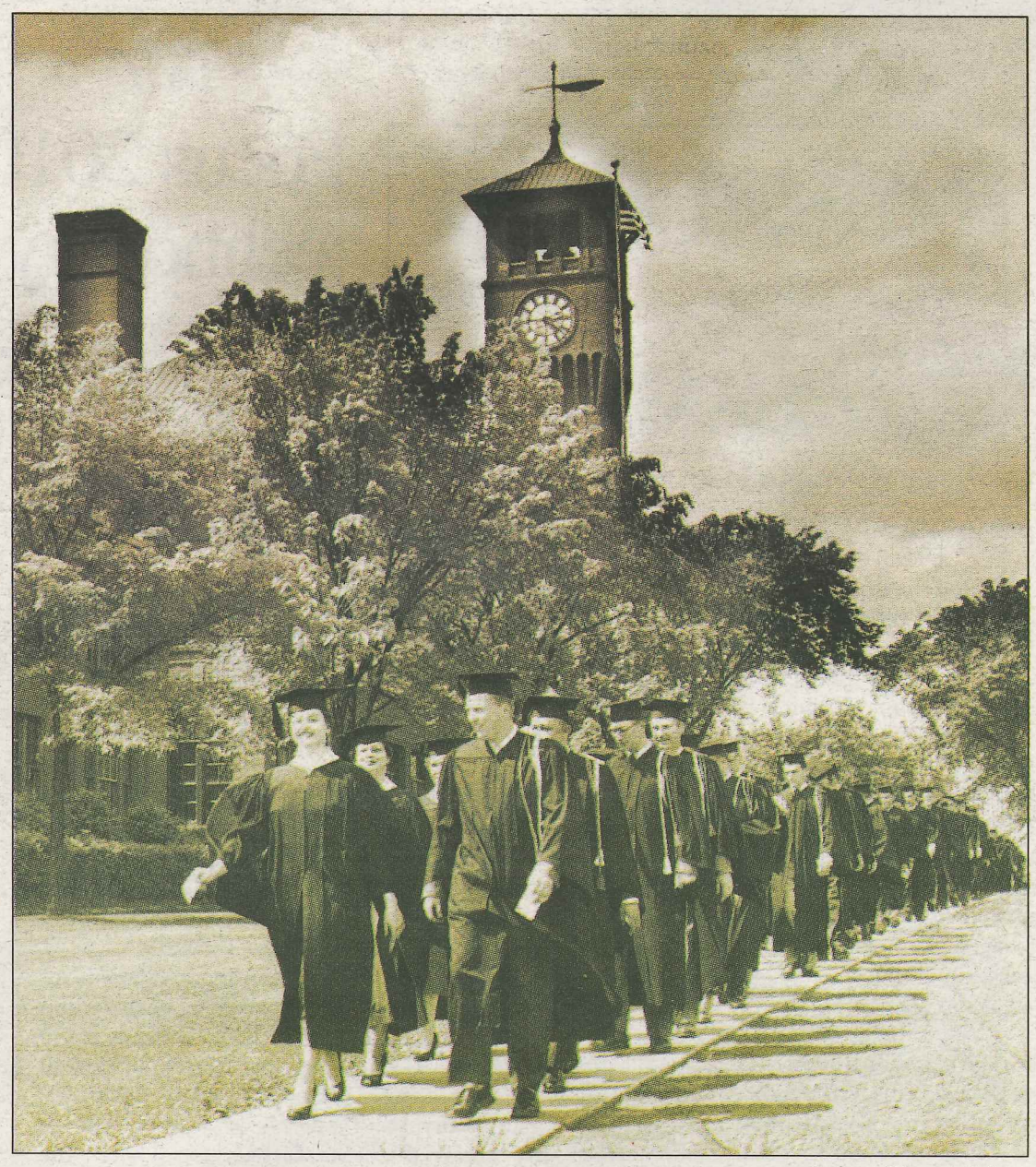
Hensel said she hasn't been looking for a job because she has been working on her project. She has been told that it is really hard to find a job right now, and she has no real experience in the field yet because ID students are not required to complete an internship.

Brian Finder is an associate professor in the industrial management department and also a 1984 and 1988 graduate of UW-Stout. In his nine years teaching at UW-Stout he has yet to miss a graduation. He says students need something to keep them going through the years.

"That's what, for a lot of people, keeps them going," Finder said. "That's what kept me going. I used to envision myself doing that [taking the walk]. I think commencement is something where they can bring closure to it."

Graduating students that choose to take the walk must spend an additional $21.95 for caps, gowns, and tassels. Graduate students must pay $23.95 for cap, gown and tassel and an additional $19.95 for a special hood. These items are purchased at the University Bookstore.

All students graduating with honors (G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher) can get their honors cordons from the Dean of Students office in 130 Bowman Hall when they pick up their commencement tickets.



Courtesy of University Archives

Graduating classes have grown over the years. This winter, 560 students will graduate at the ceremonty scheduled for Saturday, December 13 in Johnson Fieldhouse.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 17° Low 4° Partly Cloudy	High 26° Low 13° Mostly Sunny	High 32° Low 23° Partly Cloudy

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Honors distinctions adjusted

Crystal Miller

Graduating with Honors

"A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 must have been earned in all credits from all institutions attended. For commencement purposes, the cumulative grade point average earned at the end of the semester preceding the commencement ceremony will determine recognition at the commencement ceremony. However, honors will be officially determined when all coursework has been completed. Honors will be listed in the student's transcript and will appear on the diploma."

Cum Laude 3.5-3.699 G.P.A.
Magna Cum Laude 3.7-3.899 G.P.A
Summa Cum Laude 3.9-4.00 G.P.A.

Information courtesy Registration and Records

The faculty senate and Chancellor Charles Sorensen approved a policy this summer to change the designations for graduating with honors. Fifty-four percent of graduates were graduating with honors under the old policy. The new policy is expected to drop that number to 27 percent, making the honor more prestigious.

In April, the faculty senate passed a new set of criteria to be applied to the graduation honors designations.

The modification raised the criteria for the Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude honors and also states that the G.P.A. calculated for honors will include all college work attempted, as well as work attempted at other institutions.

The new policy was approved by Chancellor Charles Sorensen and became effective in June.

"The primary issue seemed to be grade inflation," Sorensen said. "In Spring 2002, 54 percent of all grads graduated with honors, and this will bring it down to about 27 percent," Sorensen said. "This is to level the playing field in effect for those who start and finished at Stout."

"I think people would agree that if over half of the people graduating are getting honors, it's not really honors," said Dean of Students Pinckney Hall.

The new criteria has many graduating seniors concerned.

"I think it is important for other students to be aware of this because the policy change affects them," said Heidi Borgaro, a senior graduating this month in human development and family studies. "Other students may be in the same situation and not be aware of it until it is time to graduate.

"I would like to be recognized for my hard work and effort that I have put forth here at Stout. I feel I have earned the right to graduate with honors because I have met the necessary criteria."

Some students believe there should be grandfathering, or possibly honors recognition in a program.

> "The honors are promarily to publicly recognize A and A- students. Other grades are respectable and don't diminish a person's achievements."
>
> **Pinckney Hall**
> *Dean of Students*

"Many other schools do give something like department honors, which I think would be a good idea," Hall said. "There are some schools that recognize a late bloomer."

Borgaro believes that current students should have been grandfathered into the old honors policy.

"I believe when a policy is implemented, the proper procedure is to take into account how this will affect the present population of students," Borgaro said.

The main concern of students is the fact that they have been concentrated on achieving a certain goal, and now they cannot completely fulfill it.

"When I first arrived at Stout, the policy was that my past G.P.A. would not be calculated into my Stout G.P.A.," Borgaro said. "Having flunked out of UW-Eau Claire, I felt like I had the chance to start over. I took four years off between schools.

"After my first semester at Stout, I realized I had the potential to do well. However, because of the policy change, I am not able to be recognized for my achievements."

This change in policy was not meant to create a feeling of disappointment.

"The honors are primarily to publicly recognize A and A- students," Hall said. "Other grades are respectable and don't diminish a person's achievements."

"I don't disagree with the changes, I just feel that the bar was set when I first started, and I have done everything possible to meet and excel at those expectations," said Terri Adler, a senior graduating in early childhood development.



Compiled by Amanda Herr and UW-Stout Police

False fire alarm
On Dec. 3, University Police responded to an active fire alarm in room 290 of Micheels Hall. A search of the room and surrounding areas did not produce a cause for the activated alarm. The alarm was reset.

Tainter bagel thief
On Dec. 4, an employee of Tainter Dining Hall reported that someone stole a package of bagels from the hall. The package of bagels was valued at less than $1.

Hansen Hall fire alarm
On Dec. 4, University Police responded to a fire alarm on 2nd floor of Hansen Hall. Someone had discharged the fire extinguisher on that floor. The dust from the extinguisher caused the smoke detector to activate the fire alarm.

False 911 pay phone call
On Dec. 6, 911 Dispatch received a hang-up call from the pay telephone in the mall area between the Commons and HKMC residence hall. 911 called the pay phone's number and received a busy signal. When University Police arrived, no one was in the area. They noticed the phone was broken such that the receiver could not be hung up properly. The telecommunications department was told to notify to phone company about the broken phone so that in can be repaired or replaced.

Focus 2010 plan to better utilize technology in the classroom

Tim Solfest

University-wide discussions have been held over the past few months about what the University of Wisconsin-Stout should look like in 2010.

"There's a misnomer out there that we're going to abandon Stout," Chancellor Charles Sorensen said at a recent Stout Student Association meeting. "That's not true. We're going to use accelerated technology, but the classrooms aren't going to go away."

Learning at UW-Stout will undergo a modernized revolution by 2010.

"Learning will take place in teams where faculty and students form small teams to work on [industry-based] projects," said Sorensen. "There's a school out in Massachusetts where the grading is based entirely on class projects."

Five years from now, many courses will be taught using a hybrid course delivery system that incorporates Web-based instruction into the traditional teaching methods. The flexibility of hybrid classes allows for courses to be taught year round.

"[UW-Stout] does a lot of hands on things in labs," said Provost Robert Sedlak. "What does this mean for a digital campus? It means that more time can be devoted to one-on-one learning in labs."

Having material posted online means that professors can cut down on lecture time and add more discussion time.

"If I taught history, I wouldn't lecture," said Sorensen, who holds a doctorate in American history. "I'd require my students to do some investigation and have discussions," said Sorensen.

An important issue being addressed in association with Focus 2010 is the issue of getting the faculty and staff onboard with the idea.

"We are a digital campus, they [faculty and staff] are expected to use it," said Sorensen. "There's an awful lot of training occurring right now. We have a very heavy training program. [Future hires] are used to the technology."

The question still remains, why all of the change?

"We're just trying give customers what they want," said John Murphy, Dean of the College of Arts and Science. "History is built on change. If we stayed the way we were when we first started the school we'd only have a few majors. I'm excited about the change."

According to Sorensen, technology should not be seen as a burden, but rather as an investment.

"There's a [technological] wave crashing through, a clear change that we have to adapt to," Sorensen said.

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Target donates to three programs

Chelsea Rickert

The Target Corporation recently donated $5,000 to the University of Wisconsin-Stout for three programs.

Retail merchandising and management will receive $2,000 for their visual merchandising laboratory, Placement and Co-op Services will receive $2,000 for technology improvements and $1,000 will go towards the annual Multicultural Student Recognition Banquet.

"Target is very supportive of the minority student population," said LaMont Meinen, director of Placement and Co-op Services.

Keri Jones, Target's vice president and general merchandise manager, presented the check to UW-Stout. Jones is an alumna of UW-Stout.

"The Target Corporation has been recruiting UW-Stout students for the past 20 years," Meinen said. Target hires six to eight students from UW-Stout for co-ops per year, and just as many graduates are hired for full-time positions.

Meinen says that Target focuses on retail merchandising and management, retail business and applied math majors. Students with a minor in Spanish are favored as well.

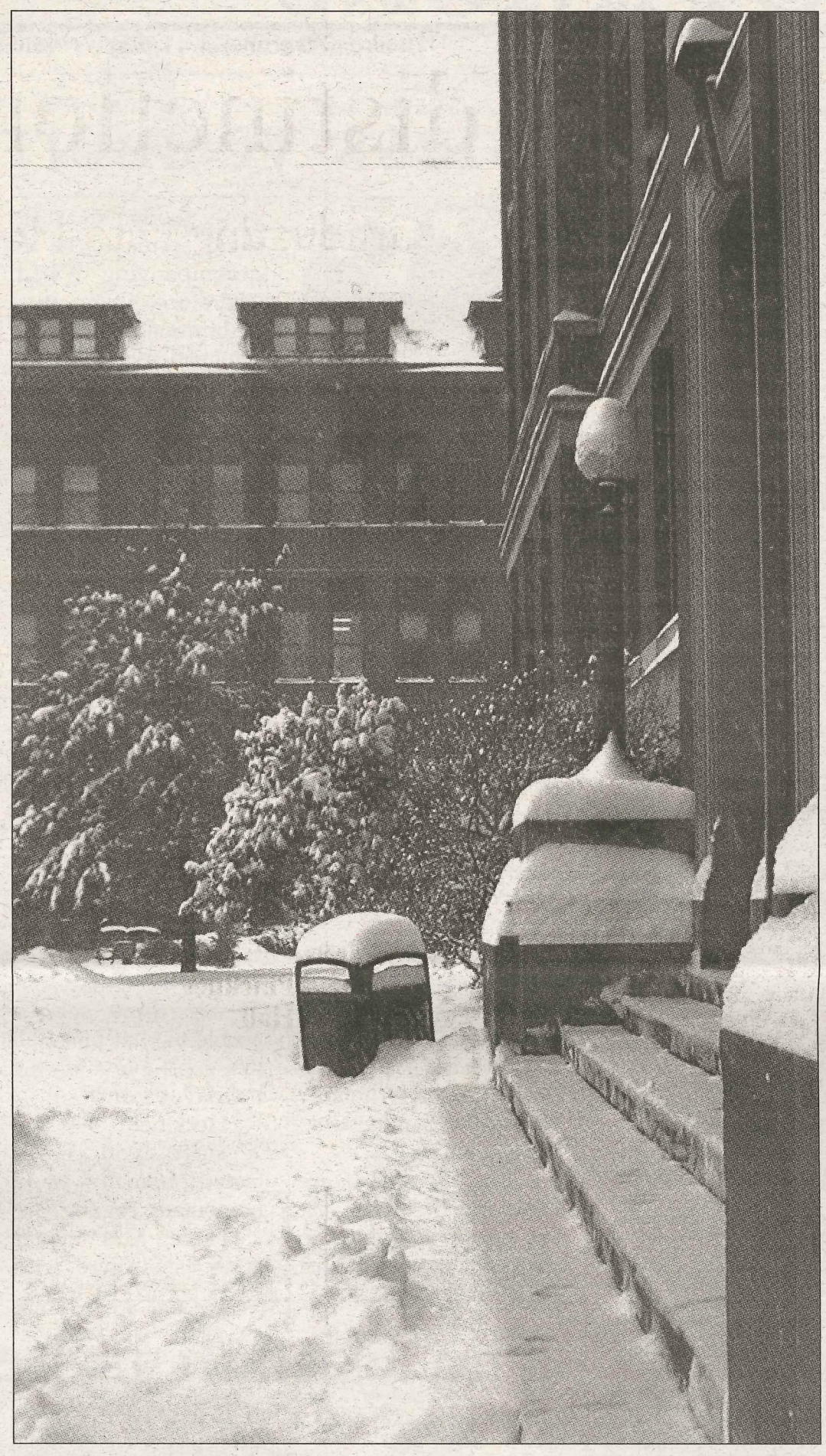
Placement and Co-op Services works with 20 different Target connections in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. There are over 28 stores in Minneapolis alone. At each location, the need for multilingual staff continues to grow. Target believes that it is important for employees to be able to interact with the customers, despite cultural differences.

UW-Stout offers unique programs and students who understand the value of work ethics. Meinen believes this is why Target prefers students from UW-Stout.

Target recruiters have been known to use UW-Stout as standard when recruiting at other universities.

"Even though we are a small school, we've made a name for ourselves through our unique majors and work ethics," Meinen said.

Snowstorm covers campus



by Joel Shaw, The Stoutonia

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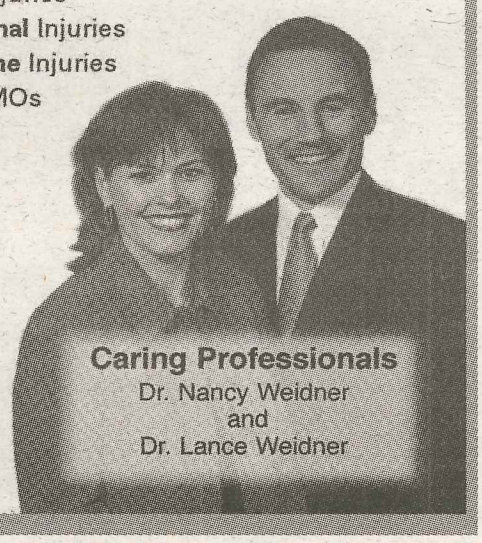
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Worth Hearing Once

The BCS

You just know there are one too many letters in there.

Bless ye merry college kids



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

That's right boys and girls, the holidays are coming.

We are all kids this time of year. The first snow of the year begs men, women and children to run outside and throw a snowball or pick up a sled. Seeing all the houses with Christmas lights at night can brighten anyone's soul. And it's finally the time of year where drinking eggnog every week is socially acceptable.

All of these life experiences tend to make one think of the good that comes with the holiday season, but perhaps those holiday events hide more negative qualities.

Maybe you are thinking that there are no negative qualities to this time of year, but for every good in the world there seems to be an accompanying bad. Therefore, there must be bummers to go with the mistletoe.

Do you ever feel like a scrooge? One negative side effect of Christmas is the need to give gifts to family members.

When was the last time you gave someone a gift because you wanted to and not because you were related to them?

Everyone likes to see the snow, but not everyone loves the cold that is needed for the snow. Also, snowballs hurt when they are packed too much.

And slipping on ice is far to common and way to painful to not be taken seriously.

Are these serious problems that offset all the good parts of the holiday season?

Heck no!

Have you never tasted a really good homemade eggnog?

Have you never gone sledding with



family members that are way past the age that you thought was the cutoff for traveling at high speeds on a piece of plastic?

Cutting down a real Christmas tree with family members can be memorable and fun.

Going for a walk in the falling snow with a loved one can make your week, month or even year.

Events like those make the holidays fun, but for most, the act of giving is a joy unrivaled by moms and dads on sleds.

So the next time you are out shopping, give your spare change to the red kettle folks with their ringing bells.

Fix dinner for your mother for a change.

Grab a name from the giving tree at your local mall and give a toy to a child who otherwise might not have received anything.

What makes us love the holidays? Giving.

The Fronch is here to stay people



NICE PANTS
Matt Schubbe

As the semester comes to a close, its time to start thinking about the upcoming holidays, the time spent with family and friends, the gift giving and of course the myriad of holiday specials. If you've read this column before, you know what comes next. I think it's time for me to make my own Christmas special; after all, even He-Man has his own Christmas special.

But what will my special be about? Will it have guests, or will it be animated? Since I've been having a tough time deciding exactly what my show will be like, I think I may just have to take elements of several beloved holiday specials and piece them into my own hybrid uber-special.

It'll probably be called something like: "How Matt Stole New Year's Rockin' Eve and Charlie Brown's Crazy Christmas."

Or something like that I might lengthen it a little, just for semantics sake. Sadly, though, I don't have enough money presently to fund such a holiday spectacular, so I'll just dictate what the show will be like and let you use your imagination.

It'll start off with a live action shot of me by a fireplace wearing a sweater with a teddy bear on it (this is supposed to be heart warming, after all). After a few pleasantries, I'll explain that one year, not so long ago, Christmas, New Years' and even good old Dick Clark, we're all in a heap of trouble. Then we cut to an animation with this narrative:

You see, a Grinch-like figure, but not THE Grinch because of copyright laws. He will get it in his head that New Years' Day is overshadowing Christmas. He will try to remedy this by attacking the king of New Years' celebrations, Dick Clark, at his annual "New Years Rockin' Eve" celebration. In doing so, he will cause a huge riot in Times Square and all the street performers and mimes, etc. will begin rioting. All of this commotion will attract the attention of the various department store Santas, who will then try to stop the riots with their jingle bell magic.

While this is happening, Dick Clark will steal away to his Clark Cave, only to find the Fronch (as I will now refer to him) waiting in the inner cave for a final showdown. There will be a pretty sweet scuffle, where the Fronch and Clark fight it out, but eventually they come to realize that they're equally matched.

All of a sudden, Dick Clark's PDA will fall out of his pocket, and the calendar function will pop up. It is then that the Fronch will realize that Christmas comes before New Years'. After an awkward apology, the rioting will miraculously stop, and all that are gathered that day will sing around the New Years' ball and live happily ever after.

In retrospect, I guess that was more of a New Years' special, but we have too many Christmas specials, anyway, so maybe its good that I didn't over saturate the market any more than necessary. Happy holidays, and enjoy your time off.

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Letters to the Editor

Do your jobs right!

We here at That Mexican Place get the Stoutonia and have been following Paige's reviews of local restaurants. We need to clear up a few things and set the record straight.

We open at 7 am and offer a full breakfast menu - El Patio does not. We also offer complementary chips and salsa with lunch and dinner meals. You would know this if you have ever eaten here. We do not offer drink specials and choose not to because we are not a bar and do not serve underage kids (maybe that's why 18 of 25 students prefer El Patio).

That Mexican Place is a family restaurant that serves quality food at reasonable prices in a great atmosphere.

If you continue to review restaurants in the future, you need a few simple rules to follow: (1) You should visit a restaurant at least 3 times to get a feel for it and observe for yourself the food, cleanliness, atmosphere, and etc. Never write hearsay. (2) Never compare two restaurants in the same article. Write an honest review of what you liked or didn't like and let everyone form their own opinion.

I think one of the topics in a HRTM program should focus on how to review a restaurant, hotel, etc or at least touch on the subject and have an advisor guide you through the process to give the writer and the Stoutonia credibility.

Curt and Carol Blodgett
Owners, That Mexican Place

Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett,

The Stoutonia strives for excellence by modeling our reviews after professional food critics' writings.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

I came to college to learn



GREENSENSE
Elizabeth Bailey

I came to college to learn - not to study. So what do our grades really prove?

They are more of a judgment of how well the course information was taught to the students. So are the grades reflecting how well we did or how well our professors relayed the information to us?

There are some courses that don't apply - those that involve physical work as part of the requirement to receive your grade. But let's face it, if all you're doing is going to lectures and taking a mid-term and a final, how is that accurately judging how well you have retained that information?

That's a great reflection of how well we can cram the information into our short-term memory. Give us that same test the following semester and see if we can score even close to our initial attempt.

When more than half of a class receives less than a C average, and the students are actually attending all of the classes, maybe that's a sign that the professors aren't conveying the information as clearly as they think.

Sure, we can all make the complaint that lectures get dry and boring, and it becomes difficult for many of us to retain any information as the monotone voice is soothing us to sleep, but have you actually done your homework to even understand what your professors are talking about?

The only way I've ever retained information in my long-term memory was by educating myself outside of the classroom environment, beyond the course's criteria.

Why? Because if I don't take advantage of resources other than what's provided, I don't feel I'm actually getting anything out of my education.

Not to say that our professors are worthless and aren't useful resources. In any situation, it's obvious that people remember personal, small group conversations vs. a large lecture hall full of distractions.

Go in and meet with your professors outside of class. Don't be intimidated by them; they are there to help. Anyone who is willing to take a huge pay cut to better the lives of others as a lifelong career is there because they choose to be.

The transition between college and the career world isn't easy. Don't you think talking with those who have been through that same transition might have some very useful advice pertaining to your future?

I know you're thinking the last thing I want to do is meet with my professors when I don't have to. I used to be naive about this as well, but the truth is, once you realize how much you can learn outside of the classroom, your professors won't be able to kick you out of their office.

Instead of worrying about how your transcript is going to look when you graduate and how high you can get your G.P.A., try putting an effort into applying yourself beyond your short-term memory. After all, you're already paying for your education, so why not take advantage of all it has to offer, instead of just getting by?

Little boxes, big presents



THEDROP
Lindsey Schuldt

The older I get, the more I find that the best presents don't come in the biggest boxes.

When I was little, I used to jump out of my bed at three in the morning, run out to the Christmas tree and freeze in awe of all the cool things I was sure had to be in those boxes.

The biggest boxes were the most cherished, and I was always sure one of them had to be mine.

My mom warned me one year, after discovering me out in the middle of a pile of presents before the crack of dawn, that the best presents didn't always come in the biggest boxes. I still wasn't convinced.

The next year I ran to the tree for my usual ritual and I saw the biggest box ever. Granted I was only six or seven, so I wasn't all that big myself. I was still impressed. I waited patiently by the tree for the next three hours until my family woke up and joined me.

As we picked the presents we wanted to open first, my mom made me save the huge box for last, despite my cries to rip it open before any of the others.

After all of my waiting, it was finally time. I finally got to tear off the wrapping paper and open the box.

Inside I found another box. Baffled, I opened that box, and then found another box. Four or five boxes later, I finally came to a very small square box.

> "Such a big box, such a little gift. In my childish ways, I was disappointed the whole day that I didn't get a Barbie Hot Wheels jeep..."

Inside the box was a little necklace with a cross upon it. It was the last present opened for the whole day.

Such a big box, such a little gift. In my childish ways, I was disappointed the whole day that I didn't get a Barbie Hot Wheels jeep or a portable cassette player. But from that Christmas on, I started opening the smaller presents first.

It became apparent to me that sometimes there's more to holidays than the presents you receive. Like the really good food you helped make. Or the people that surround you.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or Ramadan, this time of year is a time of thanks for everyone.

Some people are thankful to see their family for the first time in months, while others are thankful for the familiarity of a place they know as "home."

Some will celebrate no school, tests, homework or roommates, while others will be celebrating a well-deserved graduation.

No matter what the reason, we all have much to be thankful for this holiday season and this winter break.

I'm looking forward to watching my nephew open his presents, and watching him is a gift I never had to purchase or wrap.

Surprisingly enough, my mother was right. The best presents don't always come in the biggest boxes.

Goodbye Stout



ENDGAME
Ann Syrstad

With only days of my 'official' college experience left, I am filled with every emotion possible.

By 'official,' I mean that I will never again have a class held on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

I will begin student teaching in January and move home to do so. No only do I not know what lies ahead for me, I am sad to say goodbye to my past here. I will never again live within walking distance of many friends.

I will never be able to enjoy a month long holiday break. I will never have to stay up late to cram for an exam. Instead, I will be staying up late correcting projects and making lesson plans. To me, that is quite a change in lifestyle.

The only way I can describe the emotions that I am undergoing is bittersweet. I am very excited for the future that lies ahead of me, but I am also very sad to say goodbye.

I can remember being in first grade and saying that someday I would go to college. Now it's over; it's in my past; I will only have memories and friendships to remind me of my college years.

I also feel rather alone on this journey into my future. Although I have several friends that will also be student teaching, I also have friends that will be at Stout for another year, if not more.

It is weird to think that I will be moving back home, student teaching and having to come to UW-Stout for a "visit."

It's funny to think of how much I avoided 8:00 a.m. classes when I will now have to be on my way to work every morning by 6:00 a.m.

On the other hand, what lies ahead is very exciting. While working in a school setting, I hope to meet many teachers and hopefully learn a lot from them. I will also meet many high school students and finally teach.

For those of you that still have semesters left of college, not only am I jealous, I also have some advice.

School might seem really stressful to you right now, but the time flies. Be social, try new things, meet new people and do what you want. It's like everyone always says, "these are the best days of your life." They're not joking around.

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Jesus ruined my life at college



FAR FROM HOME
Nick Coenen

For those of you who are new to the University of Wisconsin-Stout, no, I am not new to *The Stoutonia*. In fact, I have been here so long that I sometimes wonder if I will get offered a 401K plan when I leave. I'll be watching my mailbox.

For the past three and a half years, I have worked in room 149 of the Memorial Student Center. I always felt at home at the newspaper and was willing to open myself up to this campus.

My favorite work at *The Stoutonia* was my column. With it, I seemed to please and annoy the campus each week. I wrote about my experiences at UW-Stout in hopes that others would relate, and often, I was told they could.

But there is one message I have always wanted to write but knew it would change the campus's view of my credibility. As a journalist, I know the importance of being as impartial as possible, but there is a facet of my life that makes that impossible, I'm afraid.

I'm a Christian.

That seems to be a phrase that generates the rolling of eyes to most college students. Not because I am a Christian, but because I am willing to say it out loud. It seems that there is a great divide between being a Christian and saying it in this world.

If you say it, you must be fanatical, goes the assumption. There is probably some truth in that. But that doesn't mean I am going to hit you over the head with a Bible.

My life has certainly been different than most because of my faith. There are certain situations I just don't put myself in. I don't think less of those who do, I just choose not to.

How boring, right? If you don't go to the bars or house parties, what is there to do on this campus? To be honest, not much.

This week I was trying to decide on my approach to this topic when I came across a Web site for a speaker by the name of Mike Yaconelli. Mike recently passed away and there was a large memorial for him where over 800 people paid tribute to him. Despite his death, I feel as if his words were spoken just for me.

In one of his messages, he told the graduating class of 199 at Eastern University [Jesus] will ruin your life. And it's going to be a glorious ruining, and you're going to be thrilled the whole time.

That could not be truer for me. My life has been so totally destroyed compared to my peers, and I owe that all to my love for Jesus Christ.

Sometimes I questioned why I was doomed to this life that I was told was less exciting than everyone else's. I would question why I had to be the "good" student while everyone else had their fun.

It could not be more clear to me now though. It was all part of a bigger plan.

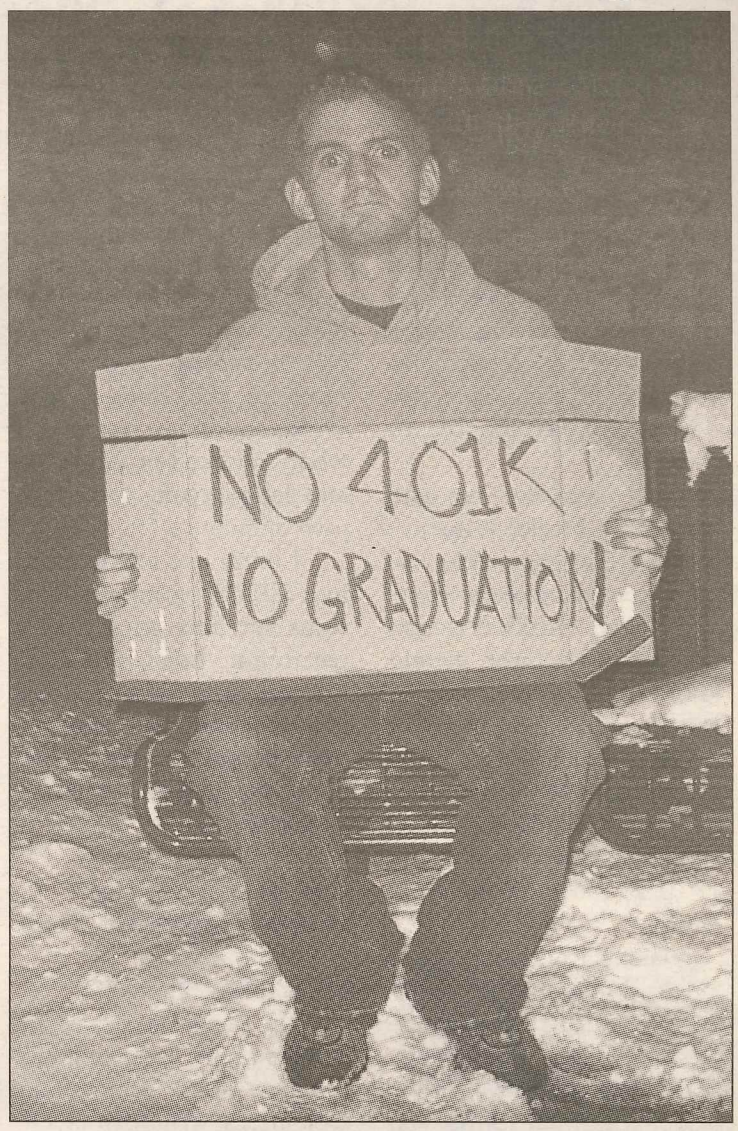
I am one of the fortunate graduates who will be going straight into the workforce following Saturday's commencement. On Dec. 29 I take my first steps in the working world as I begin work in Mankato, MN.

But that's not all I am going to Mankato for. I have been in contact with a church there who has a whole bunch of kids that I can just tell that I am personally going to impact.

But aren't there churches all over that need volunteer help? Sure. I suppose. But I know in my heart that these kids are my responsibility. These kids are the reason I didn't take the same path as everyone else. To be a role model to them that they can respect and look up to.

For that, I am so thankful for just how much God decided to absolutely wreck my life at Stout. He kept me from making the mistakes of many, just so I could keep some kids I have yet to meet safe from harm.

The point of this column was not to come across as "holier-than-though" or to condemn others. No, there are more than enough Christians in the world already doing that. I just feel that I would have been a fraud had I not shared this with the campus.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia
Nick Coenen protests the fact that he will not receive a 401k retirement plan after writing his last (and we mean it this time) article ever.

I also want to make it clear that I am not perfect. Christianity was never about perfection, so I don't expect that from myself. If I did, I would be the most miserable person on campus.

No, my faith is about love, forgiveness and hope. Three things that have made my college career worth living. Three things that I received the day that Jesus decided to ruin my life. Three things I hope to give to those kids in Mankato.

Thanks for the memories Stout. God bless.

Things to remember when dressing up



NEW RIGHTER
Michelle Erdmann

Before I get this article rolling, I want to let you all know that I don't think I'm perfect or even close to it. Now that I got that off my chest, I will proceed.

I know that classic books and college courses are critical to feed our young minds, but I don't think they are most important. There are some facts that you just can't learn from studying books and listening to professors.

Actually, these facts are really just common sense.

Now, the following may not sound important, but they really are some of the main things that people pay attention to. Note that these aren't the only guidelines I came across, but merely a few.

There are 20-something-year-old girls who wear 12-year-old girl's clothes. You know exactly who you are and you've seen them, too.

I'm talking about girls that walk into the bar with a tight baby tee that says 'Easily Amused.' Whenever I see this terrible sight, I want to take the girl aside and explain, "Honey, I know you think you're a teenager, but you're not. You're in college, and you can't wear this ever again.'"

Either they are so broke that they haven't been able to buy new clothes since 1992 or they really are that brain dead. I'll go with brain dead.

I don't think they understand that people will not take them seriously when they are sporting a garment that says 'Daddy's Girl.'

Now, lets move on. I'm going to say this once and only once, " put the brush down and back away from the vanity dresser."

I'm directing this to all you makeup addicts. You're reading this right now and don't consider your self addicted, but you are.

Let's think about it for a second. If you can't even go to the weight room to exercise without makeup, you are indeed addicted. When you exercise, you sweat; when you sweat, makeup comes off.

You know you're wearing too much makeup when your face resembles a frosted cupcake. Try looking like a normal human being and not a cracked oil painting or an air brushed cut out.

Really girls, just try to go au natural for once. You may not think you look like a million bucks, but the truth is you usually don't when all that animal fat is caked on your cheeks.

The most critical lesson of the real world is bathroom etiquette. It seems every time I use a public restroom, the same irritating thing happens. This also goes for urinals, too. I'm not a guy, but I've heard the stories.

I walk into an empty restroom and make my way to an end stall. If someone happens to walk in, she won't have to be in the stall right next to me. Who doesn't want more privacy and space while using the restroom?

Every single time I use a public restroom, someone walks in and goes to the stall right next to mine. And every time I think to myself, "You've got to be kidding me. I know you didn't just willingly choose the stall right next to mine."

This has to be one of the most annoying incidents ever. Next time take a hint, remember common courtesy and allow a person his or her own personal space.

I'm sure we've all seen this social no-no a few too many times, but have never uttered a word of negativity. There are certain shoes you buy to keep your feet warm and others to keep them cool.

How people ever decided to wear socks with sandals is beyond my knowledge. There is no reason for this hideous sight; it should be illegal.

Perhaps it's a lack of fashion sense or even plain laziness. Regardless, they are still committing a crime.

I could go on for pages stating guidelines that we should all keep in mind, but I don't have that kind of space in *The Stoutonia*.

Yet these are the types of things that make our everyday life so interesting. If there weren't mishaps, then we wouldn't have anything to complain about.

However, for the record, I will say that if someone is laughing and pointing at you as you're walking down the street or flips you off as you walk out of the restroom, you'll know why.

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Thursday, Dec.11
>Impact of Radio Frequency Identification on Business and Industry presentation by Kimberly-Clark executives, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., 290 Micheels Hall, limited seating
>Babes in Toyland, 7 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre, $12 adults, $10 students, $7 children

Friday, Dec. 12
>Babes in Toyland, 7 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre, $12 adults, $10 students, $7 children
>Hockey UW-River Falls vs. UW-Stout, 7:30 p.m., Dunn County Ice Arena

Saturday, Dec. 13
>Winter Commencement Ceremonies, 9:30 a.m., Johnson Fieldhouse
>A Child's Christmas in Wales, 7 p.m., Harvey Hall, admission is a donation to food pantry
>Babes in Toyland, 7 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre, $12 adults, $10 students, $7 children
>Visit Santa, Sat. 11 a.m-4 p.m., Sun. Noon-4 p.m. at Thunderbird Mall

Sunday, Dec. 14
>Babes in Toyland, 2 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theatre, $12 adults, $10 students, $7 children
>Visit Santa, Sat. 11 a.m-4 p.m., Sun. Noon-4 p.m.at Thunderbird Mall

Monday, Dec. 15
>Victorian Christmas, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Wilson Place Mansion adults- $5, seniors and students $4.50, children 12 and under $2

Tuesday, Dec. 16
>Victorian Christmas, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Wilson Place Mansion adults- $5, seniors and students $4.50, children 12 and under $2

Wednesday, Dec. 17
>Holiday Story Hour, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m., Bookends, 214 E. Main Street
>Victorian Christmas, 1 p.m.-5 p.m,. Wilson Place Mansion adults- $5, seniors and students $4.50, children 12 and under $2

Thursday, Dec. 18
>Victorian Christmas, 1 p.m.-5 p.m,. Wilson Place Mansion adults- $5, seniors and students $4.50, children 12 and under $2

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar?

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Local artists proudly display

Tiffany Laschinger

With the smell of rich chocolate in the air, a man sits in the corner painting a caricature of a young girl. A woman nearby in a paint-covered apron sketches in her notebook. There are only a few small rooms in this little gallery, but they make the most of the space by showcasing a number of styles from different local artists.

The Art Maker's Market celebrated its grand opening last week and boasts that it is a place for local emerging artists to display their work.

"We are trying to promote people who are on the contemporary side of things," said Lauren Schuppe, one of the five owners of the gallery.

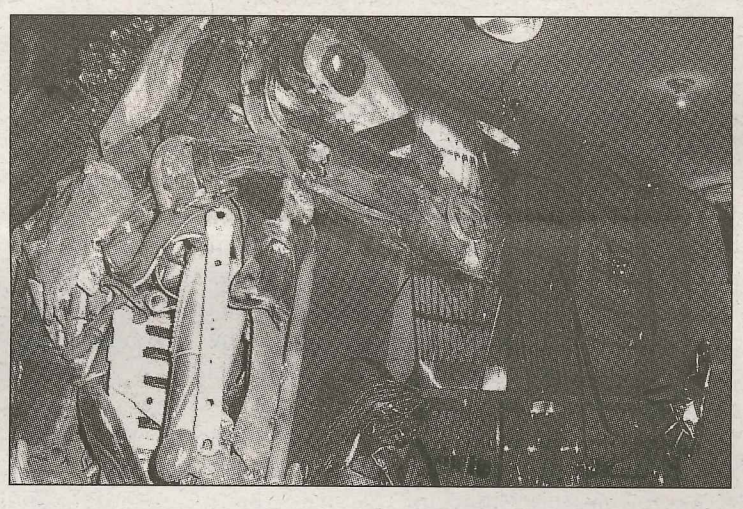
An idea just four weeks in the making began with Steve Bateman and Brianna Capra, who initiated the search for a place to start a gallery. They enlisted support from two more University of Wisconsin-Stout graduates, Douglass Johns and Kristen Bach, and Schuppe, a current student.

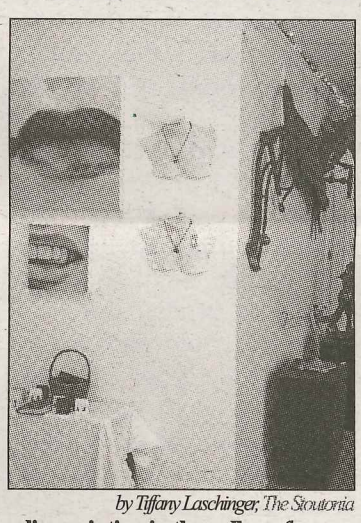
They had a common purpose: to offer the community a place to show and view local artwork.

"The same people come here to get really creative,

*please see **Gallery**, page 8*







by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

(top) **Part owner Kristen Bach,stretches a canvas which will later using during a live painting in the gallery.** (bottom left) **Currently the back room is devoted to metal sculptures.** (bottom right) **The main room features many artists.**

Pushing concepts and finding no limits

Diana Minea

The semester ending for senior art students, means senior shows, and this Friday is the big event. Applied Arts will be filled with projects from all aspects of design.

One show, however, will be different from previous years. The graphic design exhibit will feature pieces that are based on a focused thesis.

In previous years, no paper or intense research was required for the graphic design students' senior projects. The idea was started this year and is viewed as a success by many thus far.

"I was surprised with the direction the class was going to be taking since I was used to seeing the past work from senior graphic design shows," said Jessica Repovsch, a senior in graphic design. "Writing the paper was not very fun and exciting; however, the research helped greatly with my project."

Students' assignment sheets stated that, "When generating ideas, don't hesitate to challenge the viewer/reader. The greater research you do into your topic, the more you will have to edit and the deeper you will be able to explore."

Chad Reichert, an assistant professor in graphic design, feels that this assignment has diversified the end products the students produced.

"[The show] is not just traditional graphic design," said Reichert. "It is an interdisciplinary design show. It answers broader questions."

The project has helped students think differently and try new things.

"I think it [also] forces you to focus on one project for an entire semester and see how far you can push a concept," said Repovsch. "In other classes you only get to go to the point of the end of the assignment and then move on."

Bringing depth to a project takes a lot of time out of the class as well. Repovsch estimates that she spent more time working on this project than she would have if she had a full time job.

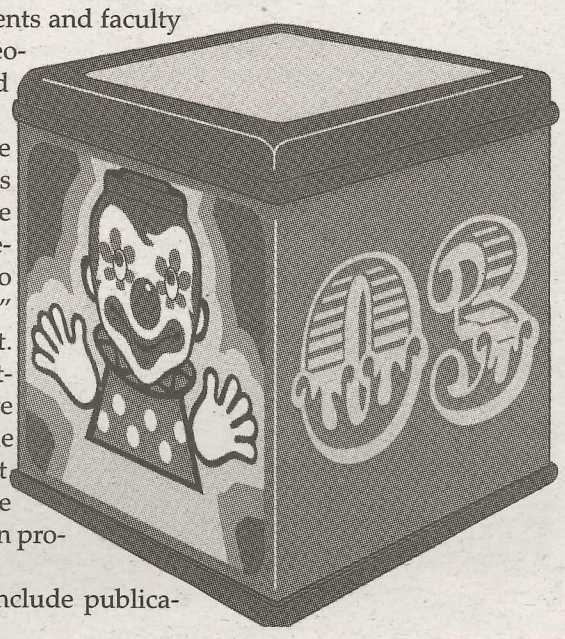
"I don't even want to know how much time I have put into this entire project," said Repovsch.

Art students and faculty encourage people to attend the show.

"Anyone that attends will find there will be something to impact them," said Reichert. "It is an exciting experience to see the range of talent within the graphic design program."

Projects include publications about plays, welding projects and the effects of Attention Deficit Disorder on magazines.

The show will be held in the student gallery of Applied Arts as well as room 111 Friday, Dec. 12 from 7-9 p.m. Other senior shows will be in various rooms in the same building at similar hours.



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Drafting a dynamic sound

Eric Iverson

Put down your pencil and paper, laptop and mouse and come to Huff's in the Memorial Student Center for Blue Devil Productions' last free lounge event of the semester.

"Drafting Room," an acoustic rock band from University of Wisconsin-Stout, will be playing this Thursday at 8 p.m. The three-piece band will be opening for the four-man Christian rock band, "Breathing Machine" from Appleton, Wis.

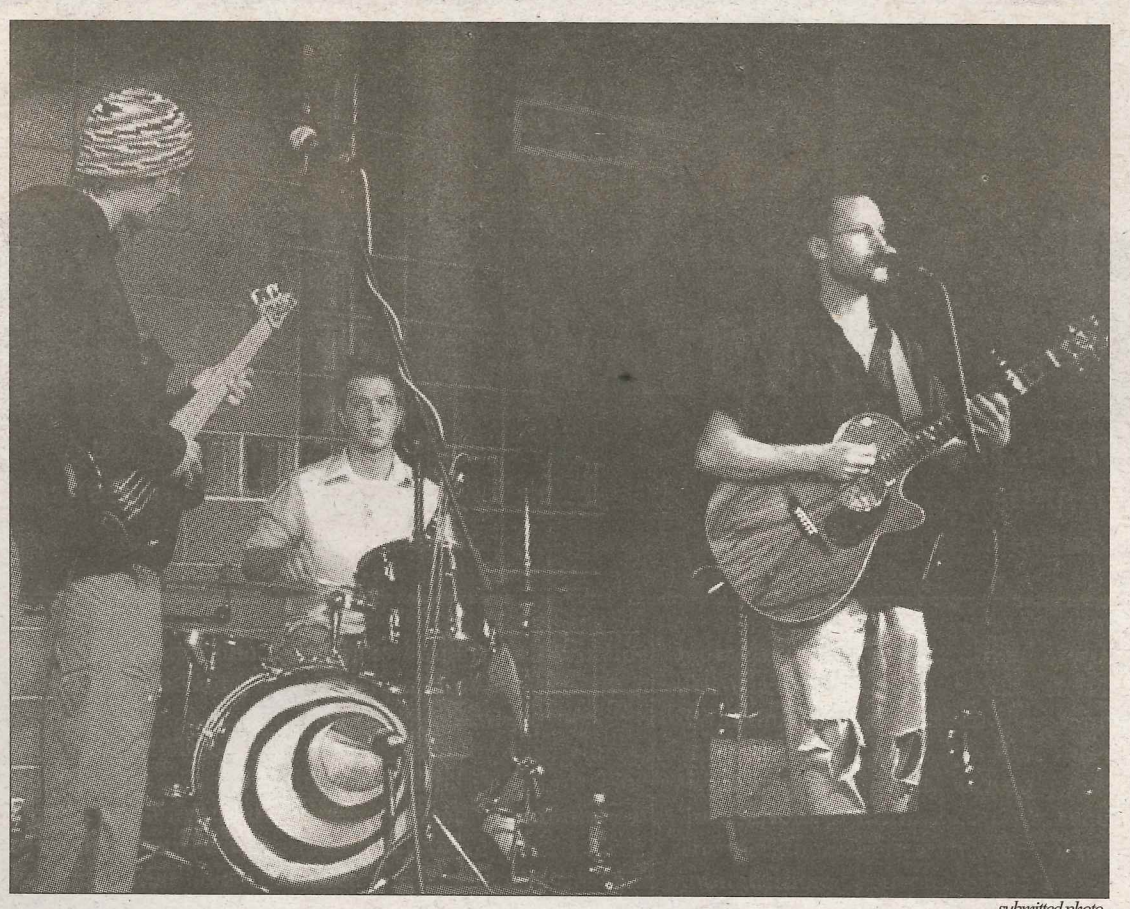
"It's weird that we're opening for a Christian band since we have demonic influences," said band member Steve Day, a senior in multimedia and design.

Drafting Room consists of Andy Christensen on drums, Day on guitar, bass and vocals and Aaron Zaffke on guitar, bass and vocals. All three have been playing for a number of years, and clearly show they have amazing depth and music knowledge.

"We try to create a deep emotional bond with our audience," said Day. "We sing about things that people can identify with - songs about girls, good ol' drinking songs and how bad booze can mess up your life, yet how we still do it anyway."

Day also said he touches on social topics in some of his songs.

You may have seen "Drafting Room" before, because they frequently play at Acoustic Café, Huff's, and performed at Battle of the Bands this year.



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Andy Christiensen (middle) and Steve Day (right) brought their musical talents together to form "Drafting Room" and later asked Aaron Zaffke (left), to join; Zaffke contributes to bass guitar and vocals.

"I've seen Drafting Room a couple times," said Noah Kruger, a senior in hospitality and tourism. "Every time I see them, they rock my [expletive deleted] socks off."

To draw a description of how a band sounds, one must look at its influences. Both Day and Christensen have jazz backgrounds but are heavily influenced by rock bands. Some of Drafting Room's strong influences include Nine Inch Nails, the Beatles, Smashing Pumpkins, Jimi Hendrix, Ben Folds Five, Tool, Nirvana and Radiohead.

The band was formed after Day and Christensen openly claimed they were, "kinda missing a bass player" last year at Battle of the Bands. After recently disbanding from his previous band, Zaffke took the invitation and joined the band.

Each member had many of his own songs written over the years, which they brought to a drafting room to practice. This is where their name originated.

"The drafting room is where we write the blueprints of our lives," said Day.

The band is recording an album this winter and is contemplating adding an electric guitar to bring more dynamic range into their songs.

"I'd describe the band as indie-rock, with a non-traditional sound because of their use of odd time signatures and funky rhythms," said Bryan Millard, a senior in hospitality and tourism. "It's pretty mind-blowing when Aaron [Zaffke] and the other guy [Day] switch instruments, and they still are able to rock out."

Upcoming shows include Acoustic Café in February and Huff's sometime next semester.

"I'm looking forward to the show this Thursday," said Matt King, a senior in technical communication. "They [Drafting Room] could become the greatest and best band in the world, ever."

Gallery / open

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but there's no open arms of creative outlets to cater to beyond school," said Batemen. "In having something like this, it's like, 'oh, that's how I apply my art degree.'"

Between the five of them, they were able to work out all the details of starting a business in a short amount of time.

"It was crazy for a while with no sleep," said Bach. "We really pulled it off; it's amazing."

They hold weekly meetings where they discuss and review the latest applicants and decide who they will display for the next week.

Currently, each of the owners will be displaying his or her work for seven days, beginning last week. Once that concludes, they will feature an artist every month.

They keep a variety of different types of art around the gallery including paintings, drawings, lithographs, etchings, sculptures, handmade jewelry and cards. At opening ceremonies they will also have live performances.

"We are willing to review any media," said Schuppe.

Any artist who wants a chance to exhibit a body of work can bring in slides or pictures of his or her artwork for review.

"If we have a general consensus and like their work, we'll put it in," said Bach.

Not your ordinary run-of-the-mill pizza place



FEED YOUR BELLY
Paige Klein

As the campus gets ready to head into a stressful last week, many students have to feed the need for study fuel and late night munchies.

Well, one choice is available to curb those cravings, pizza! The hometown-feel and close proximity of Ted's Pizza Palace lends itself to being one of the favorite pizza joints.



Located on Main Street near the post office, Ted's claim-to-fame in Menomonie is its specialty pizzas. However, Ted's has more to offer than most people know. From its chicken dinners to the Greek-style gyros, the possibilities are abundant.

Ted's has unusual hours. During the week, the dining room is open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. with delivery until midnight. Then, the weekend hours are from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. with delivery until 3 a.m. For those late-night food fiends, those hours seem to work well.

"Ted's is great before and after a hard night's drinking," said Grant Gowery, a senior in business administration.

The menu definitely is not like any other pizza places in town. Specializing in thin crust pizza, gondola sandwiches and gyros sets Ted's apart. Although the pizza may cost more than other local chains, there is more variety. For example: a large 14-inch, Greek special pizza costs $15.10, including tax.

There are other items on the menu that smaller pocketbooks can accommodate such as the half order of spaghetti with meat sauce for $4.00 or the $4.95 gondola sandwich.

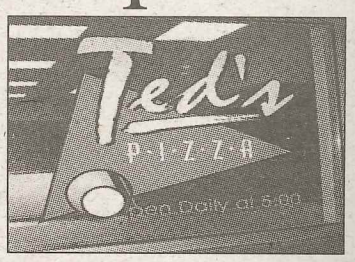
"Their food is great and I love their thin crust pizza," said Carly Hach, a graduate student in guidance and counseling. "I had a friend who can't get enough of the gondola sandwiches; he runs through the street yelling their name."

The spacious dining room is great for larger parties. Another attractive part of Ted's is the open-air kitchen and the overall cleanliness of both the kitchen and dining area.

"I like their hometown atmosphere," said Darrin Witucki, event planner and coordinator with Involvement and Leadership. "I wish that they would develop a Chicago-style pizza. The only other pet peeve is that they don't accept debit cards or credit cards, I have to pay with cash or check."

Ted's service is satisfactory. For example, if you happen to forget cash or check, there is free delivery if you can make it home to grab some money. Otherwise, there is always the option of calling ahead and getting carryout.

Diversity of pizza specialties and other menu items is great for those looking for interesting taste and an overall great experience.





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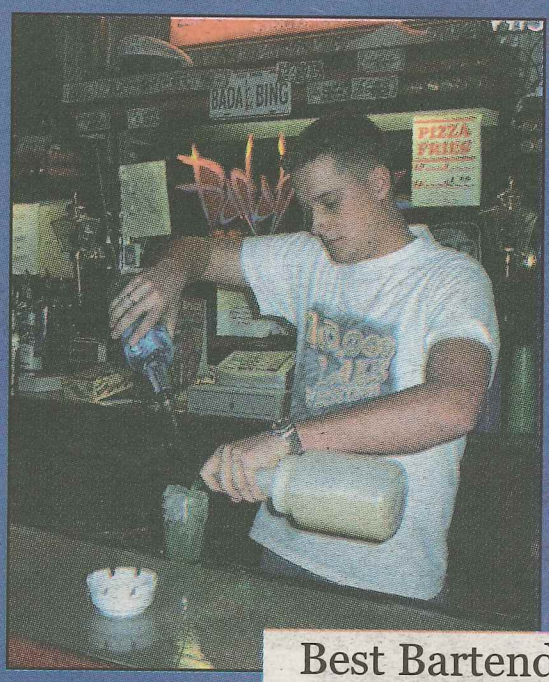
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Jim's Riverside



Best Pizza Place
Ted's Pizza Palace



Best Bartender
Kenny Fournier
Badabingz





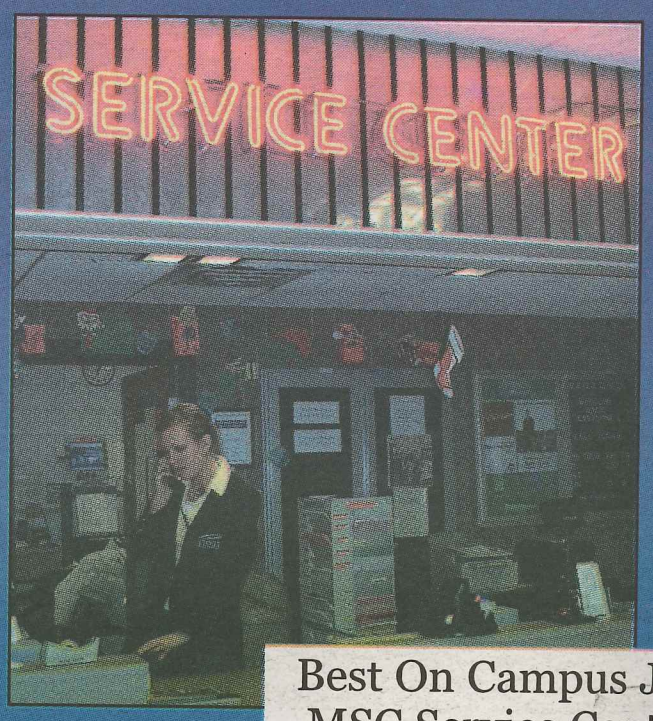
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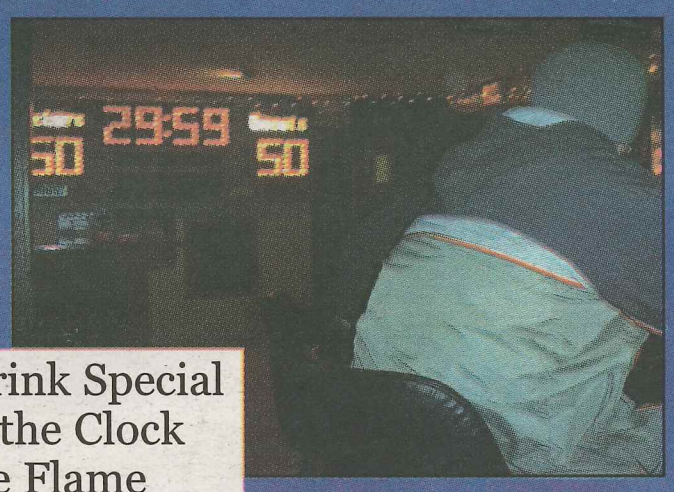
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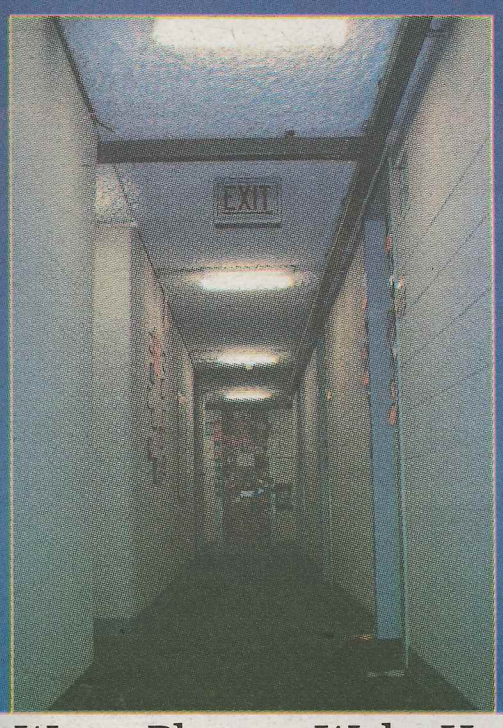
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The Flame



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Dorms (with stranger)



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Ho, ho, ho had a long way to go

Lara Monk

Did you ever believe in the man "dressed all in fur from his head to his foot... [the] beard of this chin was as white as the snow... his cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry"? His story is told through the three names given to him: St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle and Santa Claus.

Some children still choose to believe in Santa today, and they do so for various reasons. For some it may be forced upon them, while others decide to tag along with their friends.

"I believed in Santa because every year I got presents from him," said Anna Ebert, a junior in packaging.

"I believed in Santa Claus because it was the thing to do at that age," said Allyson Richards, a senior in retail merchandising and management.

According to the Web site "The North Pole," the American version of the Santa Claus was inspired by the Dutch legend of Sinter Klaas, brought by settlers to New York in the 17th century. As early as 1773 the name appeared in the American press as "St. A Claus," but the author Washington Irving gave Americans their first detailed information about Saint Nicholas.

Perhaps what made Santa more realistic is the classic reply of the editor of New York Sun in response to the 8-year old Virginia O' Hanlon's inquiry whether there really was a Santa Claus. The editor replied "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," which made Santa real for every child thereafter.

Saint Nick received his shape in a 1823 poem, "A Visit From Saint Nicholas," more commonly known as "The Night Before Christmas" by Clement Clarke Moore. Moore included the names of the reindeer; Santa Claus's laughs, winks, nods and the method by which Saint Nicholas travels up and down the chimney.

The American image of Santa Claus was elaborated by illustrator Thomas Nast, who added details as Santa's workshop at the North Pole and Santa's list of the good and bad children of the world.

"I think that believing in fictional characters enhances a child's imagination and creativity," said Richards.

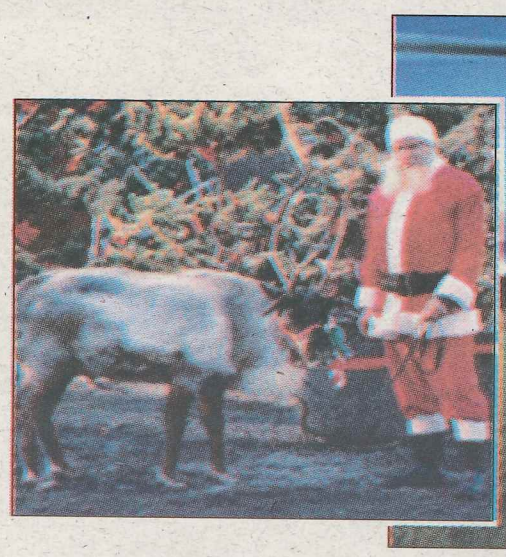
The figure of Father Christmas is based on Saint Nicholas, who became one of the youngest bishops ever at age 17. He would often be seen, clad in red and white bishop's robes, giving joy to poor children by throwing gifts in through their windows. The anniversary of his death, December 6, became a day to exchange gifts.

Christmas was not a legal holiday until the 1800s. A week before Christmas in 1834, Charles Dickens published "A Christmas Carol." It was so popular that churches and governments could not ignore the importance of the Christmas celebrations.

"I guess I don't see the harm in believing in Santa Claus. Nobody I know is scarred for life because they believed that a big fat man would slide down a chimney every Christmas Eve," said Richards.

There are positives and negatives to a belief in such fictional characters like Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, Cupid and many others follow in the footsteps. Whether individuals wish to accept this belief is entirely up to them.







Courtesy of www.holidayplanet.com, www.peculiarmarkets.com, and www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk

Santa Claus, a fictional character that began as a Dutch legend is brought to life every year by families all over the world. Claus has changed over time to be the sleigh riding fellow with a bowl full of jelly that is known today. Time will tell to see if the tradition of belief in Santa continues and what may come in Claus's future.

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Ann Syrstad - 21
marketing and business education

Hometown: Woodbury, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single

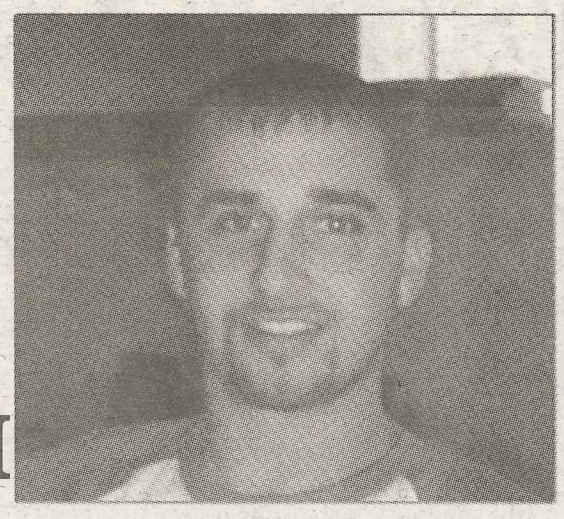
What is your least favorite thing about Stout?
I hate that people get so hung up with school work that they forget to have a good time.

What events would make a perfect day for you?
I would wake up without an alarm, spend two hours picking what to wear from my humongous closet, and then step outside to a beautiful afternoon, get in my brand new Toyota Tacoma, pick up my closest friends and head straight to the mall where we would spend the million dollars that I found on the ground.

What is your least favorite television show?
Everyone's going to probably hate me for this, but I hate Conan O'Brien. He gives red heads a bad name.

When you first meet a person what strikes you about them?
Their jeans. These days there are so many different styles and cuts that you can tell a lot about a person by the jeans they are wearing.

Describe your ideal date:
He would make me laugh so hard that my stomach would hurt, or else I would feel like peeing my pants... whichever came first. He would be a gentleman, but not too nice.



Ryan Moore - 30
marketing and business education

Hometown: Priairie du Chien, Wis.
Relationship Status: Single

What is your least favorite thing about Stout?
The parking. There is never enough room. You pay over $100 for a parking permit that you can't use half the time.

What events would make a perfect day for you?
In the morning, I would get up and make breakfast for my kids and I. After breakfast we would get ready and do whatever they feel like doing for the whole afternoon. In the evening I would love to go to a sporting event and out for a couple of beers with my homies.

What is your least favorite telvision show?
"Simpson's." I don't get why it is so funny.

When you first meet a person what strikes you about them?
The twinkle in their eyes.

Describe your ideal date:
All I can say it has something to do with strawberries and whipped cream. Use your imganation from there.

How do you think your friends would describe you?
Since I am the old man on campus, AKA "Grandpa," I think my friends would say that I'm a young child trapped in an old man's body. I love to have fun, but school stresses me out.

Questions and photos compiled by Ann Syrstad, The Stoutonia

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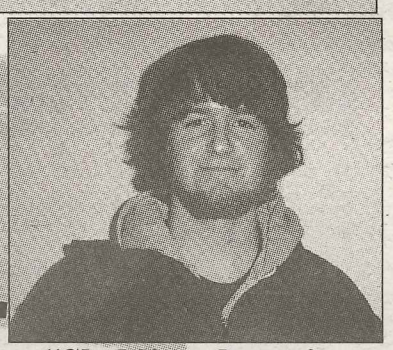
Campus Slant

What is your favorite thing to do in the snow ?



"Make snow angels."

Michele Ahlers
food systems technology
sophomore



"Sledding down icy paths on my drawing board."

Adam Krey
graphic design
junior



"White-washing people."

Nathan Urness
technical education
junior

"Snowball fights."

Meghan Jungwirth
apparel design
sophomore



Next Week:
What is the best new year's resolution you've broken?

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"Snowy nights and life both have their ups and downs."



CHECK THIS OUT

Diana Minea

As I trudged my way back to my room Tuesday night, I looked around at the white blanket covering our campus.

In the dim light of night, it looked beautiful. Shimmering flakes drifted down from the sky, and the dead grass and bushes were hidden away.

And then I realized something; my foot was wet. When I looked down, I found my entire shoe engulfed in a puddle.

It got me to thinking about how many things there are in life that seem so appealing at first, but in reality are nothing more than a wet foot.

Currently, I am in a class with few assignments, easy tests and a lax attendance policy.

I signed up for this class for specifically these reasons, however, I can't wait for it to be over. I am not motivated at all.

It really makes me wonder why I took the class. I know I needed the credits, but maybe a different class would have taught me something worthwhile.

I guess it just looked so nice at the time that I didn't see that puddle.

I feel I am at a point in my life where I can tell the difference between outer and inner beauty. When I look at the past, though, I realize that there have been a lot of people that looked good from the outside, but turned out to be "wet feet".

Often, I tried to be someone I wasn't in order to fit in. Everyone seemed to be having so much fun, and I wanted to be a part of it.

I liked fitting in, but I knew I was missing out on a lot. There were so many people I didn't get to meet because I didn't look past their surface. Most of all, I didn't get to be me.

It's not like you can stop a snowstorm and make it all disappear once you step in a puddle, but you can learn to make the best of it.

In snow and in life you can appreciate the beauty of things while recognizing their flaws. Be smart and watch where you step.

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Students envision Superprofessor

Aaron Zaffke

For years administrators have been doing their best to recruit outstanding professors, but what makes a professor good? How do we evaluate such a subjective question, and by what criteria?

What can professors do to help students learn?

"A good professor is knowledgeable, while also being able to convey that thoroughly to the class," said Randy Nienas, a senior in graphics communications management.

Some students say they want their professors to be versatile in their teaching habits in order to accommodate the individual needs of students.

"I think professors should use multiple teaching styles, because not everyone learns the same way," said Mike Sowinski, an undecided freshman. "Some people are more visual learners, while others learn better from just hearing the information."

"They need to be open-minded and take the views of their students into consideration," said Mindy Miller, a sophomore in hospitality and tourism.

Other students say that homework isn't always a bad thing, but it should be a factor when evaluating a professor.

"I don't mind having a lot of homework when it's useful to me, and the professors make it fun," said Sheena Beauschaine, a sophomore in business administration. "It's the busy work that irritates me."

Keith Gallistel, a senior in general business says he places personality high on his list of criteria.

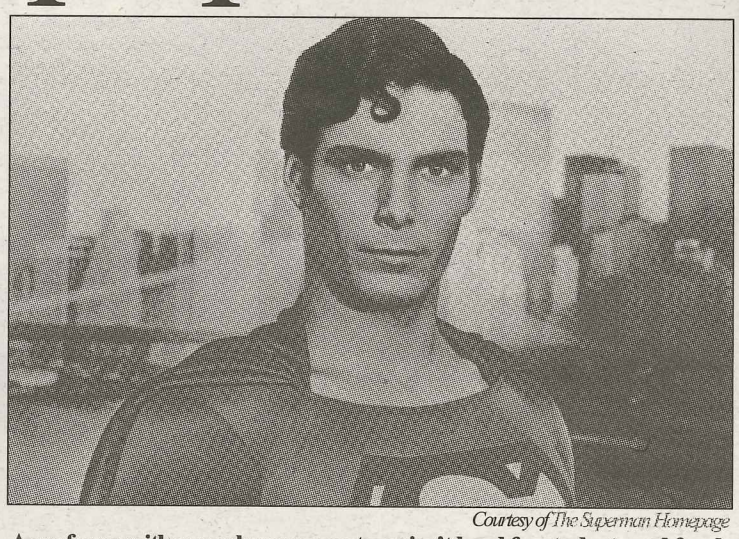
"[I like when a professor is] being a complete card. It's the real characters that you learn something from," Gallistel said.

Others express a yearning for their professors to be available and have a strong desire to help students.

"I want my professors to keep an open door policy, so I can feel free to come in and talk to them if I have any questions or problems," said Dustin Winter, an undecided freshman.

Winter isn't alone in his opinion.

"They should be approachable and have good answers to your questions," said Ariana Clunis, an undecided sophomore. "They should keep you interested the whole time, and make you feel like it is worthwhile to be there."



Courtesy of The Superman Homepage

A professor with super human greatness isn't hard for students and faculty to envision. One preferred characteristic is having a great personality.

Music professor Mark Pruett says he places a high emphasis on listening to his students. Professors should be specific in defining how to meet the requirements of his or her classes, as well as keeping themselves up to date with the material they are teaching.

"All good professors constantly balance and tackle the triune commitment to excellence in their teaching, an involvement with the most current activities within his or her discipline, and giving service generously to the community in which they live," added Pruett.

Mid-night meal offers escape from finals frenzy

Lindsey Schuldt

Free food, awesome prizes and a long past due date with friends. This is a night of laughter and relaxation for all students within the residence halls.

Mid-Night Breakfast is an event put on by the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dining Services and Housing and Residence Life that gives students who are cramming for finals a little boost the night before finals week begins.

Starting at 10 p.m. and lasting until midnight on-Sunday, Dec. 14, on campus dining facilities (Tainter on North Campus and The Commons on South Campus) will be providing a free breakfast for all on-campus students.

Housing and Residence Life is hosting a Bingo Marathon for those two hours in which many prizes can be won.

"Prizes are going to be cool and you have to play bingo to get them," said Amy McGovern, student services coordinator.

Prizes include beanbag chairs, the extended version DVD of "Lord of the Rings: Two Towers," lava lamps and George Foreman grills, among others. The grand prize will be a Nintendo Game Cube, which won't be given out until the end of the night.

"This year they're buying prizes, where in previous years they had prizes donated," said Jessica Ballweg, a senior in service management. "So it's going to be even better."

Getting away from the desk to have fun gives students an oppotunity to focus on relaxing and keeping stress out of their lives.

"This is very effective in preparation for studying," commented Jese Ledbetter, hall director of North Hall.

Students only need their I.D. card to get in and then they get to eat as much as they can stomach. It will be a typical breakfast menu including scrambled eggs, French toast, fruit, yogurt, doughnuts and assorted cold cereals and beverages.

When done eating, and sometimes while eating, students can play bingo for a chance to win one of the prizes.

"Mid-Night Breakfast will be big fun," said Amy Nord, Fleming Hall Director. "Be there or be square."

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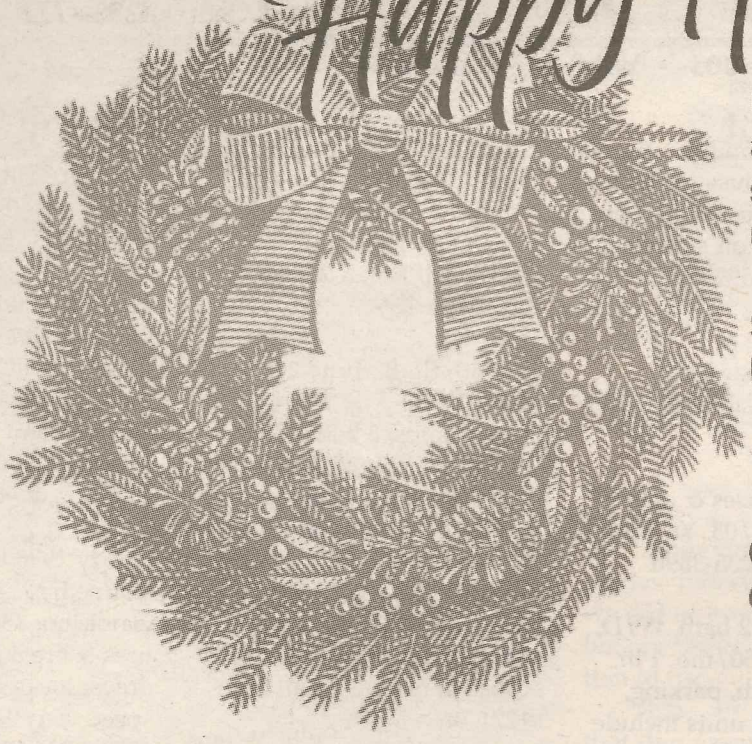
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Happy Holidays

I hope that the coming holidays provide a welcome break from your busy campus schedule. Enjoy the break and return to us safely.

Seasons greetings to the entire UW-Stout community.

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1		147 1/2 Main St #3	$190	190	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 _ Main St. #5	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Util inc/Bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$170	$170	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 _ Main St. #9	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Util Inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #1	$500	$500	n/a	n/a	All Utill Included, great location OK for 2 people	8
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #2	$360	$360	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #3	$400	$400	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	702 - 4th St.	$263	$263	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	400 _ MAIN St. #1	$270	$270	n/a	n/a	WSG+HotWater Inc. Storage, location,n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #2	$300	$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	1222 6th Ave	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Cozy,studio,all util except elec,	8
1	1	611 13th St E	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #5	$335	$335	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	113 _ MAIN St. #2	$330	$330	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash Inc/location/n/p/	9
1	1	400 _ MAIN St. #4	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	803 Wilson Av #5	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Include Utilities	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #4	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #6	$360	$360	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities/Location Parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus, parking	8
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
1	1	803 Wilson Av #8	$390	$390	n/a	n/a	Avail 9/1 Close to campus/util included	8
1	1	119 W Main St. #1	$300	$300	$370	$370	Close To campus and downtown	3
1	1	630 _ s. Broadway #8	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Downtown location/WSG Incl.n/p	9
1	1	421 Wilson Ave #4	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water, parking	6
1	1	333 _ Main St. #1	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Downtown Location	O
1	1	115 1/2 W. Main	$320	$320	$370	$370	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	113 W. Main	$350	$175	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	421 Wilson Ave #1	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	2121 5th #B	$390	$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	2121 5th #C	$390	$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	2121 5th #D	$390	$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	203 _ 13TH Ave. W	$390	$195	$450	$225	Huge Bedrooms, super location	D
2	1	1415 4th St. W	$410	$205	$500	$250	Gas Heat/ Garage/great location	D
2	1	619 _ 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG,HotWater, Excellent Location	4
2	1	619 13th Ave	$470	$235	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
2	1	1803 _ 7th St.	$450	$225	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
2	1	1506 6th St.	$420	$210	$500	$250	Huge Bedrooms, enclosed front porch,	D
2	1	115 W Main St.	$400	$200	$485	$243	Parking,downtown location	3
2	1	119 Main St. #2 W	$380	$190	$430	$215	Close to campus and downtown, parking	3
2	1	921 Main St. #2	$420	$210	$520	$260	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	921 Main St. #4	$410	$205	$510	$255	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$405	$405	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
2	1	1721 1/2 7th Street	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc Utilities/good location/washer/dryer	D
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$500	$250	$620	$310	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	605 13th St.E #4	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
2	1	607 13th St #5	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/ st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
2	1	147 _ Main St. 10	$650	$325	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/n/p	O
2	1	802 6th Ave. #5	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	Util Inc. Great downtown location/parking	6
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	N/a	N/a	All Utilities included Great Location Parking	6
2	1	1721 7th Street	$600	$300	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$600	$200	$750	$250	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	802 6th Ave #4	$675	$225	N/A	N/A	Parking, Util inc, great location	6
3	1	921 Main St #3	$600	$200	$720	$240	parking and convient location	4
3	1	1415 1/2 4th St.W	$620	$207	$740	$247	Gas heat/Garage MODERN, w/d hook-ups	D
3	1	203 13th Ave. W.	$750	$250	$850	$284	Great location,parking, large rooms	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$960	$320	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$560	$140	$680	$170	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1606 10th St.	$600	$150	$780	$195	House behind Lammers,w/d hook up	H
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$600	$150	$750	$188	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$640	$160	$800	$200	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$940	$235	$1140	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H

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4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	2	1721 7th St.	$1120	$280	n/a	n/a	Includes Util. WASHER/DRYER, Parking	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #3	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #4	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #7	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #8	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	2	1301 9th Street	$1020	$255	$1200	$300	Beautiful house/garage/Location/WASH.DRYER	H
4	2	1415 8th Street	$1000	$250	$1150	$288	Upgraded recently,great location,parking,W/D	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1420	$355	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2	1403 - 6th St.	$900	$180	$1100	$220	good location/ lots of parking	H
5	2	516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	1803 7th St	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	Washer/Dryer/parking/good location	D
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1050	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2.5	1502 - 7th St.	$840	$140	$1,050	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/new siding	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	205 W17th Ave B	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	205 W17th Ave C	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	
7	3	819 7th St.	$1610	$230	$1,785	$255	Location / WASHER/DRYER	H
7	2	820 11th St.	$1820	$260	$2100	$300	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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5	2	203 13th Ave	$875	$175	$1,010	$202	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	2	1311 S. Broadway	$945	$136	$1,185	$198	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	3	1803 7th St.	$1,500	$215	$1,735	$248	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2	1208 8th St.	$1,200	$150	$1,440	$180	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
9	2	1120 15th Ave	$1,440	$161	$1,730	$199	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
12	4	114 (A & B) 17th Ave	$2,100	$175	$2,330	$210	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE

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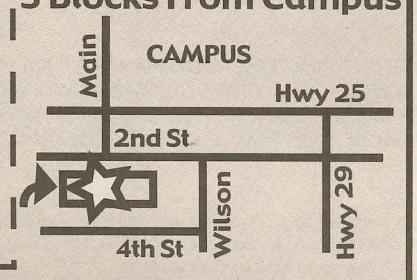
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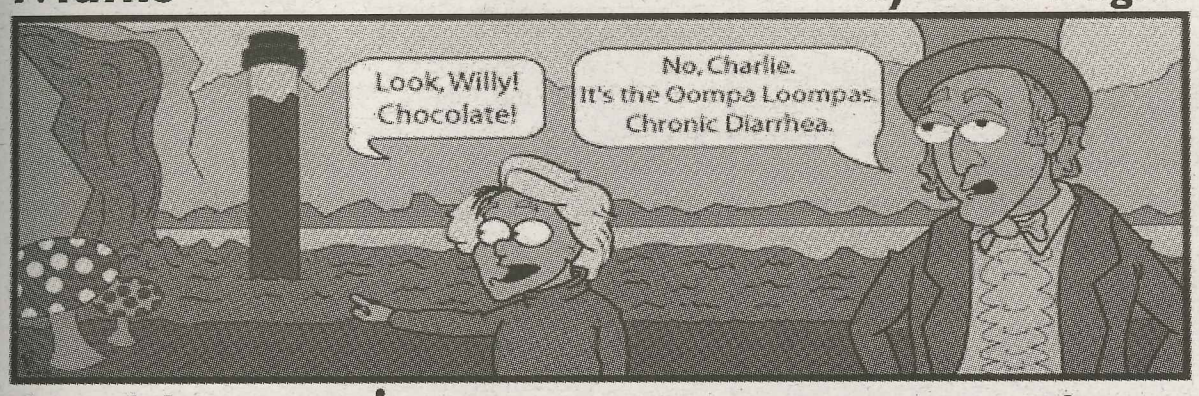
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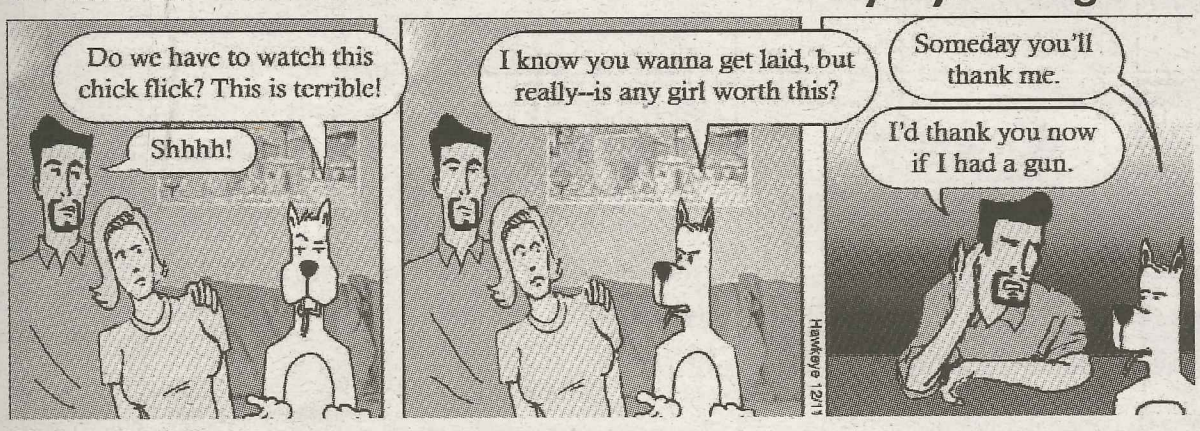
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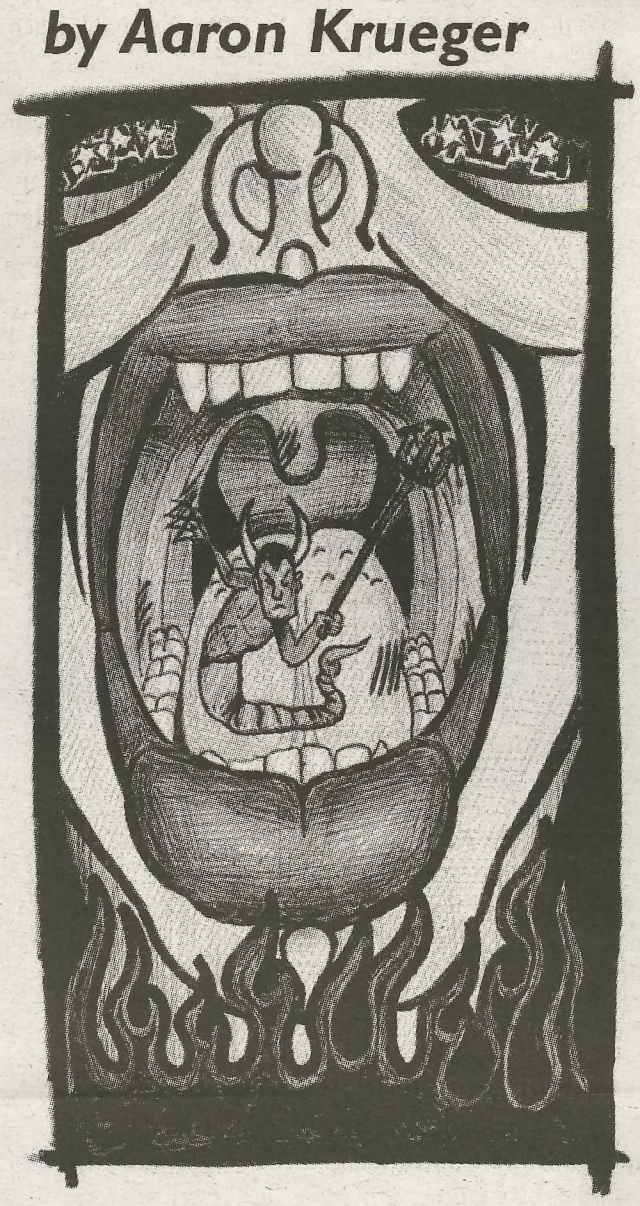


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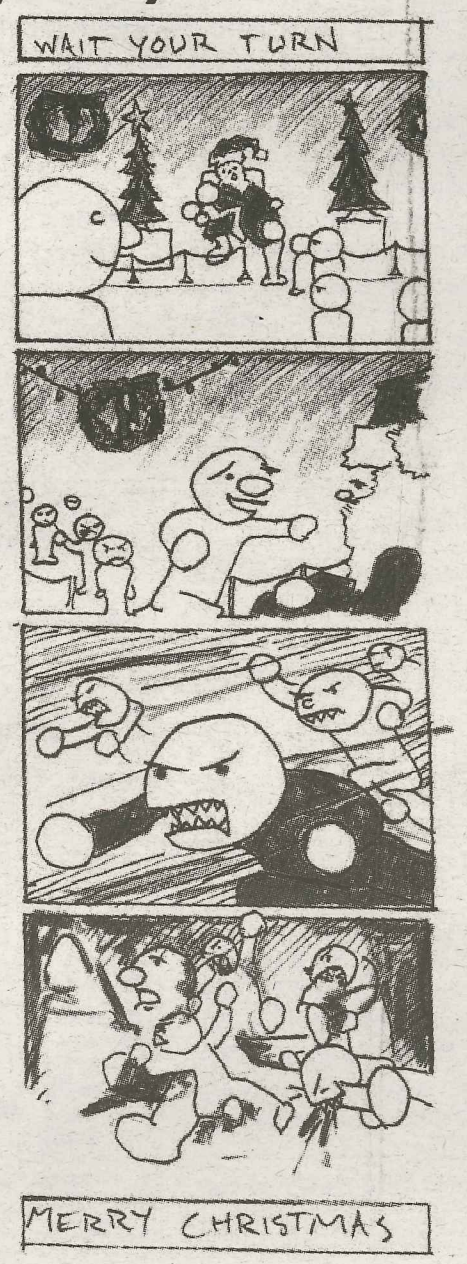
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by Aaron Krueger



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The week in sports

Ryan Wessley

Men's Basketball

The Blue Devil men just missed victory when they were outscored 10-6, in the overtime period by University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to get handed a 62-58 loss, Saturday, Dec. 6 at Zorn Arena.

The Blugolds (4-3, 2-0) hit a field goal and a 3-pointer along with 5-of-7 free throws to take the win.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout (6-2, 1-1) got only a single shot from the floor and four free throws in the extra period. The game proved to be a game of back and forth runs.

UW-Eau Claire finished the first half on a 9-5 run to take a 30-25 lead into halftime then had a 10-3 run midway through the second half to take an eight-point lead with 8:37 left.

The Blue Devils struck back by regaining the lead 46-44 with 4:31 left after going on a 10-0 run keyed by two baskets by Greg Chaisson.

Nate Templer scored six of his 22 points in the final three minutes of regulation to hold off a Blugold charge. Templer hit two shots from the floor, including the shot to tie the game in regulation and two from the line.

Andy Bray gave UW-Stout the lead in overtime with two free throws, but it was UW-Eau Claire's Dan Archambault who hit a big 3-pointer to put the home team ahead.

Jeff Vandenberghe gave UW-Stout its final lead with two free throws, his only points of the game, before fouling out.

The Blugolds' Casey Drake had a bucket and a free throw to give UW-Eau Claire a 59-56 lead. From that point on the Blugolds never looked back.

Bray added four in the extra period and Chaisson finished with 12 points. Drake led all scorers with 23 points. Archambault added 11 points and Tyler Birkel chipped in 10 points.

UW-Stout will travel to Elmhurst College Saturday, Dec. 13.

Women's Basketball

With only 5.6 seconds remaining in overtime, UW-Eau Claire's Becca Spaeth hit a free throw to hand UW-Stout its first loss of the season, 70-69, at Zorn Arena in Eau Claire.

Laura Verdegan was the Blue Devil called for a foul as she attempted to block Spaeth's charge to the basket.

Spaeth missed the first free throw but drained the second.

Following a timeout, UW-Stout (5-1, 1-1) could not get a chance for a game winner as the buzzer sounded.

UW-Stout jumped out to a 12-point lead in the first half, but the Blugolds (6-1, 1-1) turned its game around, gaining as much as a 9-point lead with six minutes left.

The turnaround was led by Joanna Leafblad who came off the bench to hit four 3-pointers.

The Lady Blue Devils chipped away at the lead, coming back with an 11-3 run, as Lindsey Erichsen hit a bucket with 10 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

On the UW-Eau Claire side, Spaeth led all scorers with 26 points. Rachel Becker added 15 and Leafblad 12, all on 3-pointers.

The Blugolds' Brooke Wozniak-Schmidt led the team in rebounds, pulling down 21.

The Blue Devils were led by Erin Churchill with 19 points. Erichsen followed with 15 and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Sara Kahl was held to a season-low 10 points before fouling out.

UW-Stout will travel to St. Cloud State Saturday, Dec. 13.

Hockey

After getting severely outshot in the first period, UW-Stout fought back and went on to a 3-2 win over UW-Stevens Point Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Dunn County Ice Arena.

The Pointers came out and pounded Blue Devil goalie Jeff Dotson with 21 shots in the first period.

Dotson responded by only allowing one shot past him when Dan Francis opened the scoring with a power play goal midway through the period.

The Blue Devils started sluggish, only placing six shots on goal in the first period.

The Blue Devils came out firing in the second period, outshooting the Pointers and taking a 2-1 lead.

Andy Wiesner took advantage of a power play to tie the game only four minutes into the second period, getting an assist from Bryan Cummings.

UW-Stout took the lead eight minutes later after Joe Edin scored his first collegiate goal with assists from Mitch Kellin and Justin Huth.

Mike Elm got what would eventually be the game winner with seven minutes left in the game.

Elm grabbed the puck deep in the UW-Stout zone and carried it into the Pointer zone, passed to Huth, who passed back to Elm. Elm put the puck home for a 3-1 lead.

The victory was the first conference win for the Blue Devils this season and the win improved its record to 10-3. The Pointers' loss drops its record to 7-4 overall.

Dotson finished with 40 saves while the Pointers' Ted Eastman recorded 31 saves.

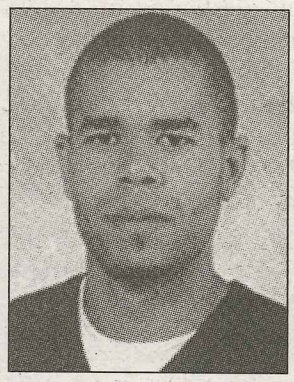
The Blue Devils play a home series with UW-River Falls next weekend, hosting the Falcons, Friday, Dec. 12, and then traveling to River Falls, Saturday, Dec. 13.

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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *The Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

After receiving the Northern Collegiate Hocky Association (NCHA) and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) player of the week, Jeff Dotson continued his impressive play when he and the Blue Devils defeated the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Dec 6.

Although the Pointers came out firing hard in the first period, Dotson stopped all but one shot, having already accumulated 20 saves in the first period.

Dotson stopped everything sent his way and only allowed one more goal as UW-Stout went on to defeat the Pointers 3-2. Dotson finished with a total of 40 saves.

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Is the BCS nothing but BS?



FAR FROM HOME
Nick Coenen

Before this weekend, it looked like the Bowl Championship Series was going to have smooth sailing right through the New Year. Texas Christian University lost, thus destroying the hopes of a BCS underdog story and Oklahoma was clearly the most dominant team in the universe (in college sports).

For those readers who are unaware of how the BCS works, here is a simple explanation:

At the end of the college football season, a computer selects what it determines as "the top two" teams in college football. These two teams then face off for the national championship.

In the event of a tie, the computer uses things such as complexity of schedule and margin of victory to decide what team is better.

Sadly (or thankfully), this past Saturday put a wrench in the BCS system.

In a day that was supposed to decide whether or not the University of Southeren California (USC) or Lousiania State University (LSU) would play Oklahoma for the national championship, we instead watched a four-car pile-up in the BCS.

Now what should have been an easy number one-team versus number two-team match-up has taken a step into the Twilight Zone.

With Oklahoma's perfect season destroyed by Kansas State in a 35-7 pasting, many view Oklahoma as less than the best team in the country. Other leading teams such as LSU and USC obliterated their respective opponents Saturday, so we are stuck with the typical shouting match at the end of the college football season.

To be honest, I could care less who plays in what bowls. This whole system is so flawed that I wouldn't blame any team who has a one-loss record (the same as Oklahoma, LSU and USC) for claiming they deserve a shot at the national championship. The system is messed up right now.

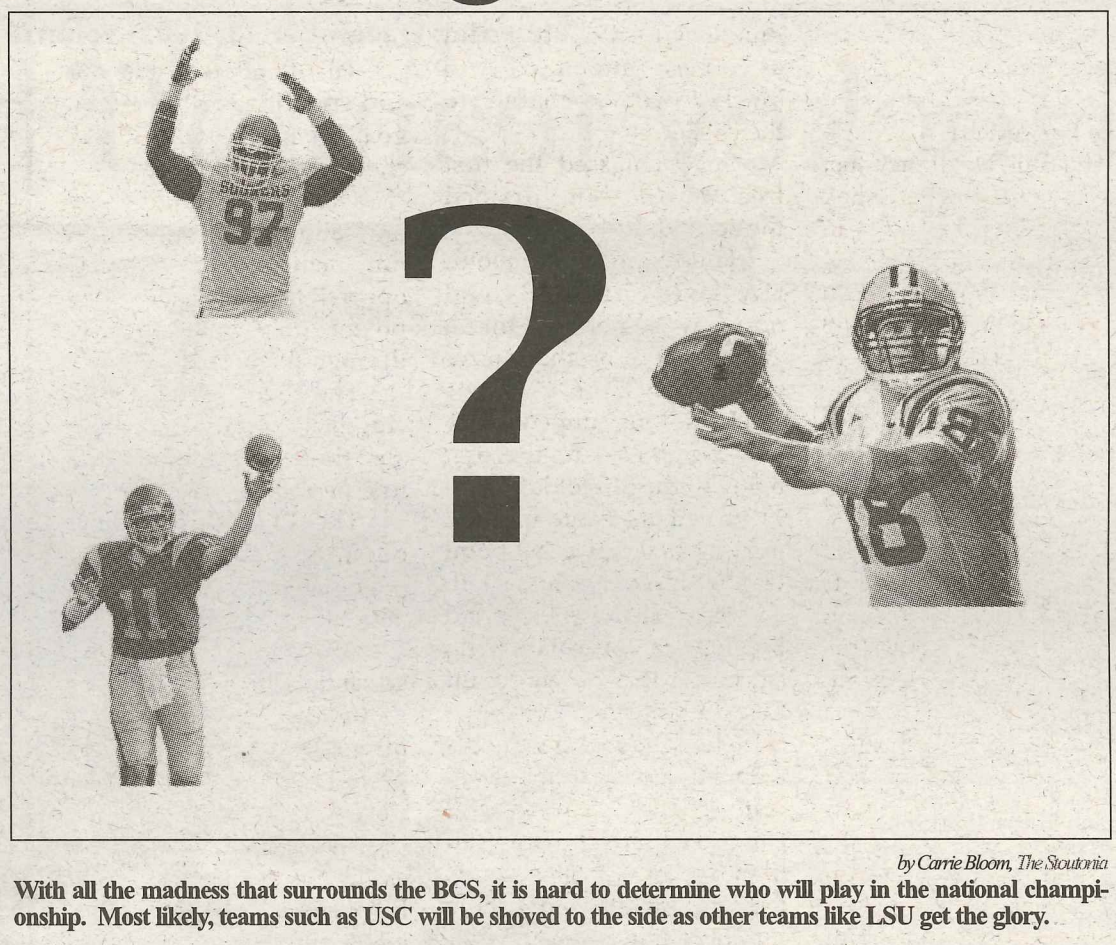
That was never the system's intent. No, the system was meant to be the great solution to a mess like this. Computers grinding numbers that would ultimately save the best teams for the best game.

I can't even get my e-mail on a regular basis and they thought they could trust computers with this one? Ridiculous.

So instead of just complaining about this topic like the rest of the media, I have a viable solution. Seriously, this is probably something you have never heard, so hear me out.

After numerous seasons of NCAA Football 2004 on my Playstation 2, my roommate, Ryan Liddell, and I have come up with a fool proof system for determining a champion in college football.

Let me guess, you want a playoff? That's right I do.



by Carrie Bloom, The Stoutonia

With all the madness that surrounds the BCS, it is hard to determine who will play in the national championship. Most likely, teams such as USC will be shoved to the side as other teams like LSU get the glory.

But I want one that will work. If teams are going to be seeded, there will be controversy.

There is only one way to avoid that. With that, I present to you the "College Football Tournament of Champions."

First, scrap the BCS. The system is so arbitrary it's scary. People will always argue with numbers. There are lies, damn lies, and statistics.

Next, have every team play their normal, eight-game conference schedule. At the end of this, the top two teams play for their conference championship. Note: sorry Notre Dame, maybe you should really get in a conference. Stupid elitists.

Third, seed all 118 division 1-A teams in alphabetical order in a huge tournament. Give the conference champions a first round bye. Okay, that leaves 106 teams to play in 53 games in the first round.

Each week, the teams will play in a single elimination tournament until there are two left. If you lose, you're season is over. You had the conference schedule season, so no complaining.

If there needs to be a bye, have the greatest margin of victory winner get the bye for that round.

With this system, the final champion team will have played an eight-game conference schedule a conference championship game, a four-game playoff schedule, and finally a true national championship game, the following adds up to a fourteen-game season.

That is the same as the season of a national champion now.

It is easy to say this is unfair to teams that lose early in the tournament. Too bad. Maybe they should get a real football program instead of hoping for a fluke win.

As doubtful as I am that college football would ever do something as revolutionary as this, there is hope for a playoff of some kind. With all the angst surrounding the current system, it's the prefect time for change.

Why not make it a drastic one?

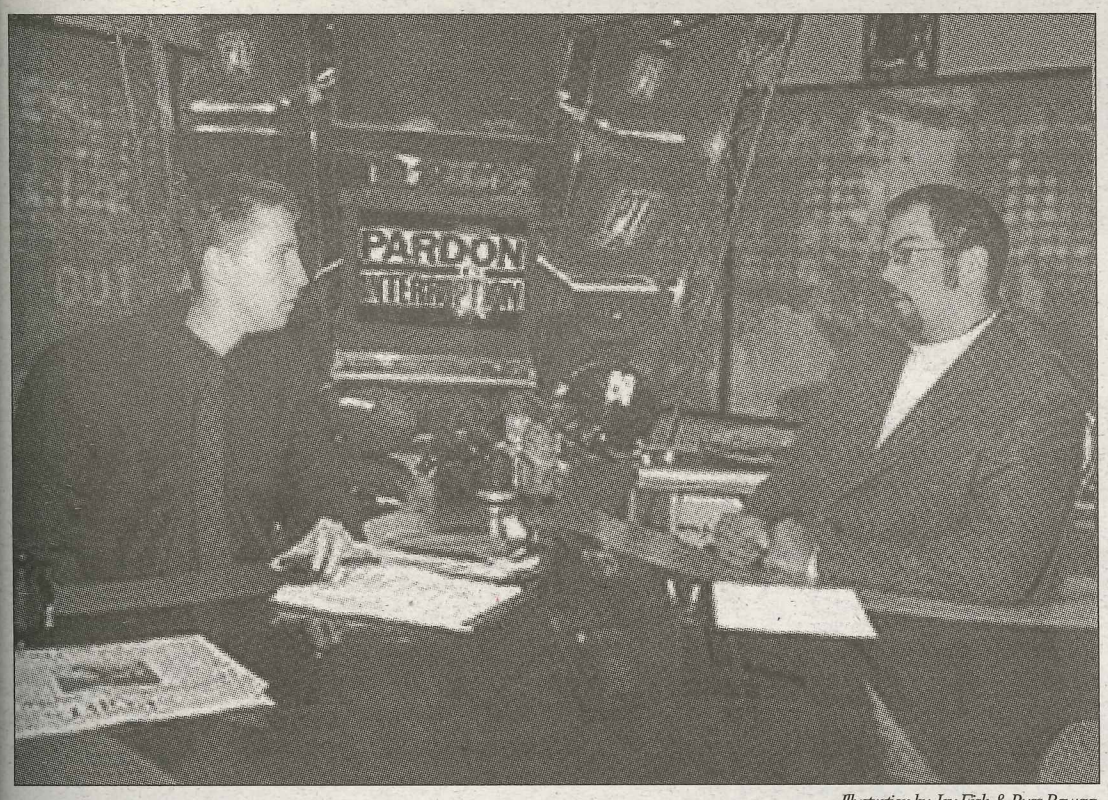


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Hockey team off and running

Wesley Simonis



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UW-Stout goalie Jeff Dotson prepares to block another shot on goal. Dotson is one of many players who has helped the Blue Devil hockey team begin the season with a 10-3 record. The team has worked its way up to a 18th place rank nationally.

Nobody ever thought that the University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team would open up its season with 10-3 record and be defeating teams that had national ranking.

Nobody expected the Blue Devils to be ranked in the top 20 teams in the nation and be battleing in close matches with the top teams in its conference.

That is, nobody except Blue Devil hockey head coach Terry Watkins.

It is surprising that the university hockey team is off to such a great start this winter, considering last year the Blue Devils skated to a dismal 6-21 record with only two wins in the conference.

"We knew we were going to be better, but we didn't know to what extent," said Watkins. "We knew we had to make some changes and worked hard at recruiting."

With this year's solid start, the team has already accumulated more wins than they did all last season. They have been doing whatever it takes and are winning game after game.

The Blue Devils have already tied a school record by accumlating six wins in a row.

Some key wins for UW-Stout so far were a win over eighth-ranked St. John's University and a win just last weekend over the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Both games pushed UW-Stout to play its best, and the Blue Devils responded well under the pressure.

The crucial wins and consistant play have been getting the Blue Devils national recogniton.

At one point, UW-Stout was ranked 16th in the nation, but after a hard fought loss against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the Blue Devils are currently 18th.

One thing that the Blue Devils can be thankful for is the success that has come from more than one source this season.

Goalkeeper Jeff Dotson is one of many players who is having a solid season. Dotson has already earned WIAC and NCHA player of the week honors this season as well as having a .908 save percentage to help the Blue Devils to victory.

Mitch Kellin is another Blue Devil that has taken NCHA and WIAC player of the week honors. Kellin is the team's leading scorer and is the only Blue Devil to come up with a hat trick this season.

With quality games from different positons, UW-Stout is now notorious for being a late-breaking team.

"We have been a second and third period team this season," said Watkins, "When we go into the locker room and make adjustments, our guys seem to come out and play better."

Although the season has been off to a good start, the Blue Devils have only played two conference games this season and currently have a conference record of 1-1.

In the WIAC conference, UW-Stout stands with tough company. Seven teams in the WIAC are ranked in the top 20 in the nation.

"If we can finish with a .500 record, I would be ecstatic," said Watkins. "Those teams are just that good."

The mix of solid veterans along with a good recruiting class has been the best help for the Blue Devils this season.

The Blue Devils will continue conference play when they play back to back games against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The Falcons are currently 9-1 with a 1-1 record in the WIAC.

If the Blue Devils keep the winning pace this season, not only will it give them a shot at the playoffs, it will also be the best seaon in UW-Stout history.

"Our guys have been working hard and having fun," said Watkins. "One thing this team has is heart, and that always keeps us in the game."

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Coach Ed Meierkort takes job at University of South Dakota



by Amy Kryzenske, The Stoutonia

Ed Meierkort has been the head coach of the Blue Devil football team for 11 years. He will be leaving UW-Stout to pursue a new coaching career at the University of South Dakota. Meierkort has led the football team to the top by winning a conference title in 2000. **See back page for details.**

State of the Union

Joel Shaw

President George W. Bush praised all Americans involved in the war on terror Tuesday at the outset of his State of the Union address before a crowded congressional chamber.

"The American people are showing that the state of our union is confident and strong," Bush said.

Bush cited numerous accomplishments with respect to the ongoing war on terror and insisted that now was not the time for doubt or hesitation.

"Americans are rising to the tasks of history...the American people are showing that the state of our nation is confident and strong."

Bush said that numbers confirm that the economy is growing stronger.

"Manufacturing activity is increasing. Inflation is low. Interest rates are low. Exports are growing. Productivity is high, and jobs are on the rise."

Bush proposed an increase in funding for community colleges and encouraged the passing of the No Child Left Behind Act.

He also said he would soon be submitting a budget that would cut the deficit in half over five years. He asked for new temporary worker program to allow foreign workers to perform jobs "when no American workers can be found to fill the job."

The president threatened to veto any attempt to undermine his recent Medicare law.

Democratic House of Representatives Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle offered a brief rebuttal following the address.

"Instead of alienating our allies, let's work with them," Pelosi said.

Daschle said the real indication of economic recovery is jobs, not quarterly profit reports.

Kerry wins Iowa caucus

Joel Shaw

A victorious Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., emerged from a swarm of supporters to the music of Van Halen's "Right Now" Monday night after a near record-breaking turnout of Iowa caucus attendees gave him an energizing first place position with 38 percent of the votes.

"Thank you Iowa, well... Iowa, I love you...You've sent me on the way to the Super Bowl," Kerry said

Kerry appears to be on the way to the Democratic Party's super bowl but still needs to win several more playoff primaries as the opposing teams prepare to compete again in the New Hampshire primary next week.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., received 32 percent of the votes, former Vermont governor Howard Dean received 18 percent, Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., received 11 percent and Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, received 1 percent.

Retired Army General Wesley Clark, Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn. and the Rev. Al Sharpton, who decided not to campaign in Iowa, received no support.



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Voters jammed this Iowa caucus site at Drake University in Des Moines on Monday. A record breaking 120,000 people voted on Monday. Sen. John Kerry won the Iowa caucus with 38 percent of the votes.

Gephardt returned to St. Louis, Mo. late Tuesday evening to announce his withdrawal from the presidential campaign.

Tim Russert, a political analyst for NBC, noted on Des Moines, Iowa WHO-TV that according to a caucus poll, 55 percent of caucus attendees said this was their first caucus. Approximately 120,000 people turned out at 1,993 caucus locations to voice their support and commitment to candidates and to vote for delegates to attend the upcoming county and state conventions.

The Republican caucus was also held last night in Iowa as a fraction of the 600,000 registered members confirmed their support for President George W. Bush. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee, House Majority Leader Tom Delay of Texas, and Republican Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie circulated amongst Iowa republicans to maintain the positive tone of the party.

Iowa Secretary of State Chet Culver said Sunday that 60 percent of Iowa state voters were undecided.

The Iowa caucus system involves party members who meet and discuss issues and presidential candidate preferences.

Primaries require voters to go to the polls and vote for a candidate.

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Senate votes on governor's veto

Chelsea Rickert

The Wisconsin State Senate met on Wednesday to hold a vote that would attempt to override Governor Doyle's veto of the Personal Protection Act (PPA), a bill that would allow people to conceal weapons. At press time, no action had been taken.

The bill had initially passed senate by a wide margin of 24 to 8. Such statistics have never occurred before in the history of the Wisconsin Senate. Doyle vetoed the bill on Nov. 18.

Forty-six states have passed a concealed weapons act. Wisconsin is one of the four states that remain unarmed. Sergeant Rick Hollister of the Menomonie Police Department believes that allowing citizens to conceal and carry in Wisconsin is unnecessary.

"I do not think that [a conceal and carry law] will affect our area a whole lot," Hollister said. "It's just another thing law enforcement has to deal with."

He thinks that it will take one to five years until we see signs that the PPA has affected crime.

"Maybe Sen. Zien is seeing something we are not seeing," Hollister said. "Wisconsin is a pretty safe state."

Hollister stresses that his police department requires monthly range training classes and mistakes can still be made. The PPA calls for 40 hours minimum of training for someone to obtain a concealed weapons license.



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Strange odor in library

The Menomonie Fire Department was dispatched to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Library Learning Center on Jan. 7 for a suspicious odor complaint. The building was evacuated until the fire department judged the building okay to re-enter. Upon a search, the complaint was unsubstantiated and staff and students were allowed to re-enter the building.

Stolen Titans items

On Jan. 6, a UW-Stout Police officer found that a Tennessee Titans football jersey and frame, and a blue/gray game autographed football and frame were missing from the second floor wall of the Johnson Fieldhouse. The items were donated by a former UW-Stout football player now playing for the Titans. No further information is available about the missing items.

2003: The year in news

Amanda Herr

Budget cuts

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's budget was cut by $1.5 million last spring, resulting in lost jobs, fewer course section offerings and a reduction in student admissions. The budget cut was part of a system-wide effort to reduce spending at the state's request.

Anthony Scholfield

A UW-Stout student made national news in April when he was arrested for allegedly breaking into a home and stealing women's underwear. A search of 22-year-old Anthony Scholfield's apartment yielded 854 pairs of underwear. Scholfield was sentenced on Dec. 22 to 90 days in Dunn County Jail, ordered to stay away from the victims and fined $8,873.04 in restitution. He is allowed to leave jail for as long as 12 hours a day to attend classes and go to work.

Tina Mohr

On Sept. 1, sophomore Tina Mohr was killed in a motorcycle accident south of Menomonie. Mohr was majoring in special education and had worked at a group home over the summer. Her dream was to start a dance school for deaf children.

Fall assaults

A string of burglaries and sexual assaults caused a frenzy of e-mails from Menomonie and UW-Stout police this fall. A neighborhood safety meeting was held on Sept. 25 at Fowler's Court. University Police, Menomonie Police, area landlords, the Dean of Students and University Counseling Center staff were on hand to offer safety tips and answer questions from residents.

Sara Lisec

On Nov. 14, graduate student Sara Lisec was hit by a car while crossing South Broadway Street at the intersection of First Avenue West. Friends of Lisec said she often crossed the street there instead of using the North Campus bridge because it was a shorter route to her dorm room in Jeter Hall. Lisec was studying mental health counseling and would have graduated in December.

Focus 2010

The Chancellor's Advisory Committee has started a new initiative, Focus 2010, that would modernize learning at UW-Stout by 2010. The Chancellor held faculty and student forums where ideas were discussed and rumors dispelled.

"There's a misnomer out there that we're going to abandon Stout," Chancellor Charles Sorensen said at a December Stout Student Association meeting. "That's not true. We're going to use accelerated technology, but the classrooms aren't going to go away."

Football player accident

On Oct. 1, two UW-Stout football players were injured in a car accident near Clear Lake, Wis. Matt Sprester, a senior majoring in business, and Ryan Englebert, a sophomore majoring in dietetics, were driving to dinner at Sprester's parents' home in Clear Lake when they were struck by another vehicle approximately one mile from their destination.

"The boys will have to drop from school to rehab their injuries," football coach Ed Meierkort said. "They were two of the best players in the league, so it hurt us a lot in a loss to Oshkosh. Our players are a tight group, so it has affected the kids."

Iraq

The war in Iraq caused a stir of emotions on the UW-Stout campus. It became a classroom discussion piece for some and a life-changing reality for others. Jason Krich, a construction major, reported for active duty on March 15, two months before he was supposed to graduate.

"I signed the paper, and I am a man of my word, so I have to go," Krich said.

Sorensen and Sedlak

During the spring semester, two top UW-Stout administrators interviewed for positions at other universities. Provost Robert Sedlak was one of six candidates to interview for the president position at Millersville University in Pennsylvania in March. In the end, Millersville chose to promote their own provost, Francine McNairy, to the position.

In April, Chancellor Charles Sorensen announced that he had withdrawn his name from consideration for the president position at Ferris State University in Michigan.

"I love this school," said Sorensen, who has been at UW-Stout since 1988. "Why bother leaving?" Sorensen also said he would stay at UW-Stout for another five to eight years.

Laura Hartung

In August, UW-Stout graduate Laura Hartung was accused of four misdemeanors and eight felonies for acts committed while she lived in Antrim-Froggatt residence hall in 2001. Hartung pleaded not guilty to all charges and will appear in court again on February 16 for a motion hearing at the Dunn County Judicial Center.

Baldrige book deal

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Worth Hearing Once

Florida

What Wisconsin needs to try to be more like.

Mars, drugs and presidents



STAFFEDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

Welcome to 2004. The year is young but already it has shown us some crazy bits and promises to be a year to remember.

So far in 2004 we've been informed that Mars really isn't that far away and we've found out that Howard Dean likes to yell state names.

President Bush recently announced that missions to the moon and Mars were priorities for the U.S.

This came just prior to the Democrats big day in the much-hyped Iowa caucus.

To some it might appear that the president is trying to keep up with China's space program. They are planning a mission to the moon also.

NASA will receive a 5.6 percent increase in budget as a result of President Bush's plans.

Getting back to the Iowa caucus - didn't see this coming, but front runner Howard Dean only took 18 percent of the vote, while the John's (Kerry and Edwards) received 38 percent and 32 percent respectively.

After losing the first caucus of the year, the fiery Dean gave a speech designed to rally support for the future.

Unfortunately, the speech deteriorated into Dean yelling every state he could think of.

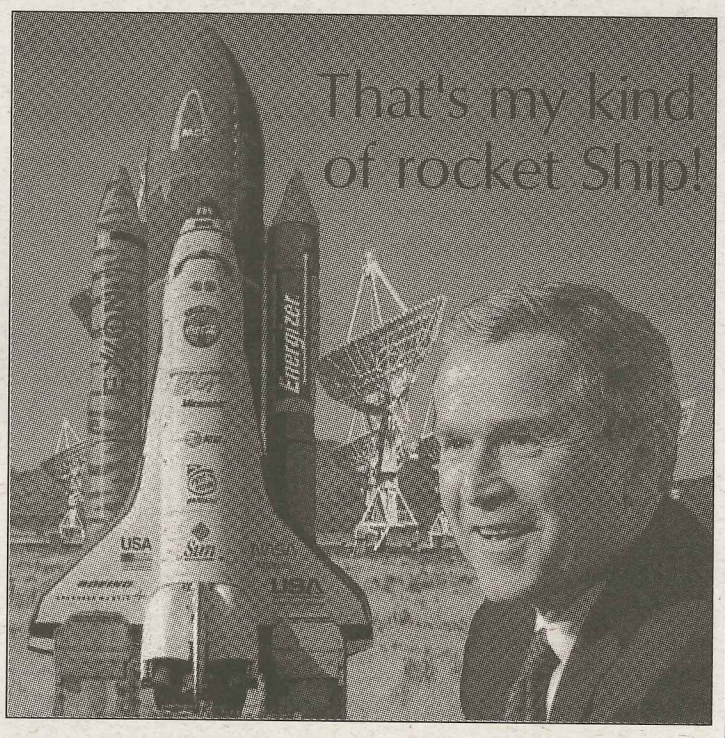
Does any of this tell us who will be the Democratic runner in the upcoming election?

Nope.

The day after the Iowa caucus, President Bush delivered his State of the Union speech.

Earlier in the year he made it clear that the roadmap for peace in the Middle East was alive and well.

So what did the President have to say about it in his speech?



Nothing. He didn't mention it.

He did talk about the need for America's youth to have better role models though.

Addressing the recent announcement that some professional baseball and football players have been using steroids, the President called for drug use to come to an end.

Problem solved.

George W. Bush said stop using steroids, so that must mean that all the owners, coaches and players who make millions of dollars because of the use of steroids are just going to stop.

Go George.

Yes, 2004 looks like it's going to be a good year. We have a presidential election coming up and another Harry Potter movie coming out. Jennifer Lopez will probably be getting married again.

2004 should be just as exciting as 2003.

Resolutions to live by in my world



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

I don't know about you, but I had a great break. I spent most of my time fighting against Destro and Cobra Commander outside the great pyramids of Giza, but that's all classified. I've already said too much.

Aside from that, I've also been mulling over New Year's resolutions. Yeah, I know resolutions blow, and January is almost over; but I thought that I would share with you the few non-lame things I resolved to do (or not do) in this New Year.

With the whole new diet craze, all I hear is Atkins this and South Beach that, and I think that needs to change. I have vowed in this new year to come up with a diet that is diametrically opposite to the Atkins diet, kind of an anti-Atkins or a Mattkins diet, if you will.

This diet will involve me eating all the carbs I want, and I'm off to a good start. I've been eating those mashed potatoes that are made from flakes like they're going out of style. Delicious.

I've also resolved to write more letters of appreciation to washed-up celebrities. Jaleel White, Emmanuel Lewis and Dustin Diamond will all be getting letters and a gift certificate to Blockbuster Video this month from me. Let's just hope that my sending Screech a letter doesn't make him want to come back and perform stand-up comedy on campus. Man, I'm glad I missed that.

Another thing that I think would change the world for the better, is bringing jumpsuits back into fashion, if they ever actually have been.

I have a gold jumpsuit sitting in my closet right now, and it's just itching to strut around town. Oh, and if anyone does see me in a jumpsuit, don't be afraid to call me "Gold Leader." It just makes the jumpsuit that much cooler.

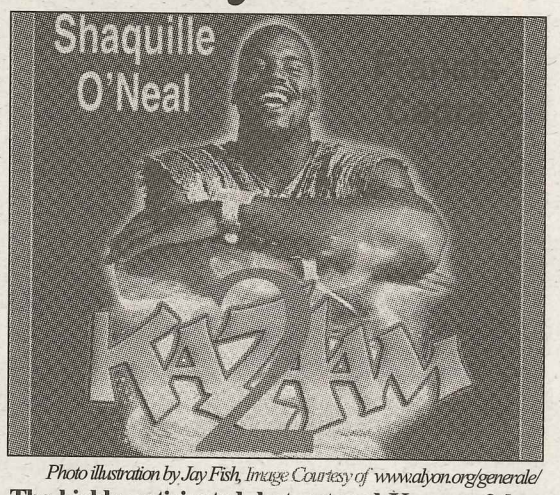


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The highly anticipated, but not real Kazaam 2 has been on the minds of Shaq acting fans everywhere.

My final resolution is to stop writing articles that contain lists. Articles like "Top 5 Species of Frog," "Who was the Best Darren of "Bewitched" or "New Year's Resolutions"...oh, wait. Whoops. I'll just save that one until next year.

At any rate, New Years resolutions don't always have to be lame, but as I look at my own, I realize that mine aren't exactly going to make headlines. Like Shaq in "Kazaam 2," they will be forgotten before you finish reading the title.

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Letters to the Editor

Still stuck on Nick

"That Mexican Place"says Adios to business savvy

Now that I know the owners of "That Mexican Place" are avid Stoutonia readers…let me drop a little knowledge. First, never bash a critic!!! Second, never bash a critic publicly. And third, accept the criticism and do something about it (other than sabotage your own business of course). Did I mention Stout offers a degree in business? I think they even offer a business ethics class. Just a thought.

Go tell it on the mountain

Nick Coenen is no longer affiliated with the Stoutonia (Thank God… or Buddha… or who ever!). For those of you unaware, Nick was "that guy" who felt he could take advantage of his job and our money to preach to us on a regular basis. Well once again, it's time for me to spend my 2 cents.

Nick, I don't care you are a Christian. Honestly, do you care that I enjoy an occasional Creamy Dark (that's a beer by the way). Or do you care that I have had premarital sex. Oops…I mean think about having premarital sex.

No, you don't. Al least I hope you don't, especially the premarital sex thing. Anyways, all I ask is that people quit shoveling religion in to me like it's my only "way out". I respect your views and may someday agree with them—who knows? But for now, let me go to hell in peace would ya? Now, back to my coffin for a nap.

Jeff Sawyer
UW-Stout Student

Mr. Sawyer,

Thank you for writing in and expressing yourself in your student newspaper. Unfortunately, I would have to disagree with you on a number of points.

First of all you never had to read any of Nick's writing. Nick did not come over to your home and read you the Bible while you read *the Stoutonia*.

Second, Nick was not "that guy." I have no idea who "that guy" is, or why I have to put "that guy" into quotations.

Finally, if Nick was such a problem for you, there was always the possiblity that you could have writen for us.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Friendly thank you

I would like to thank the student and staff member who helped me get back up on to my feet when I fell in front of the student center on the morning of Dec 10th, 2003. I'm sorry I did not get your names. Thank you so much very much again.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Stolp Sr.

Non-resolutions



LAZYPILE
Cole Edge Student

Happy New Year everyone. It was just that time of the year when we all get motivated to better ourselves. We all make these resolutions to become better people, but I knew I wouldn't be able to make it the whole year with any resolutions, so I made resolutions not to keep.

I found it was far easier to make a list of things I wouldn't stick to than one where work was involved.

First on my long list of resolutions I didn't even bother making, is to drink less. In a typical week, I drink at least three nights, and I don't see that number decreasing anytime soon.

Next would be eating healthier, and since I eat more fast food than Anna Nicole, that's probably not going to happen.

Also, I'd like to get into better shape and go to the gym more often, but since my idea of exercise is getting off the couch to make ramen noodles, it's safe to say more trips to the gym are not in the works.

I used to not do my homework. I'm not going to start just because it's the new year.

In the coming year, I think I'll work harder at my job-harder at not getting caught being late.

You wouldn't be wrong to call me lazy, but since being nicer to everyone was one of your resolutions, you can't.

Thankfully, being nicer is one of my non-resolutions. In case you did call me lazy, I'd just call you a resolution-breaking, unkind, uncouth tool.

I drive my old piece of crap car too much, and need to walk more. So to start off the new year, I bought a dog. It will look great with its head sticking out the window of my brand new truck.

Personal hygiene has always been a hinderance of mine, so I thought about showering more.

But I actually took the time to calculate how much time I spend in the shower and the cost of water and shampoo verses buying a lot of Fabreze.

Fabreze wins again.

Christmas was made for chilling



NEWRIGHTER
Michelle Erdmann

There are some experiences in life that are stamped in your mind forever.

Like that time at the bar when you tucked your skirt into your underwear and walked by your crush.

Or the time you flashed the passing car and later realized in horror that it was your uncle Bill.

Just like those memories stapled in time, I vividly remember Christmas in Tennessee when I was 14.

It was a normal holiday with turkey and presents. Grandpa was asleep at the piano with his dentures slowly, but surely, falling to the floor.

Aunt Debbie was urging me to eat Grandma's green bean casserole, while my parents kept reminding me to sit up straight and stop biting my nails.

I was positive my eyes were going to fall out from rolling them so much. Then I was sent on an errand to look for my brother. He was a college student at the University of Minnesota and was home on winter vacation.

I searched the house high and low but couldn't find him. As I walked down the hallway past the closet, I smelt smoke.

I knocked on the door, wiggled the knob and yelled his name, but he didn't answer. When I picked the lock, I was astonished at the sight I saw.

There was my brother crouched in this two-foot by three-foot space in the corner with a strange look in his eyes. In one twitching hand was a bottle of Jack Daniels, the other a lit joint and his mouth held two burning cigarettes.

I didn't know what to say. At the time, I thought he had a serious problem and needed counseling. Now I understand exactly what he was going through.

After spending a much needed winter break at home with my family, I can honestly say I'm now glad to be back in Menomonie.

Menonomie, where the aroma of rotten eggs lingers in the air and the sidewalks are filled with carbon copied students wearing University of Wisconsin-Stout sweatshirts.

Looking out my windshield I see that clock tower in the sky welcoming me home. I hardly recognize my own voice as I make this statement, but it's good to be back.

Sure we all love our mother's home cooking and Dad's interminable stream of advice, but there's only so much of this that one can take. Everyone has a breaking point.

Sooner or later you're going to come to the realization that Mom's home cooking has done a good job in insulating you enough to live naked in Antarctica for a year.

While her nagging nature and probing questions aimed towards your love life are not only going to rub you the wrong way, but rub you raw. Father's advice is going to seem useless and out of date.

After you've hit these breaking points, you'll spend time planning your escape instead of eating dessert. An escape to your old life where you had a life.

As I entered my college home, dropped my bags and fell on my bed. I close my eyes and exhale a sigh of relief. Relief from the nagging parents, annoying siblings and family togetherness.

I turned on my stereo, cranked the volume and wandered aimlessly around the room not knowing what to do now that I'm alone.

As I stare at my reflection in the mirror, I saw a 16-year-old version of myself sick of rules and authority and itching for freedom.

Suddenly, I hear one of my roommates yell out for all the house to heard.

"Welcome home you b$#@#es! Now get down here and f@#&ing grab a bottle."

Before I knew it, I'm running down the stairs faster than I ever have on any Christmas morning.

Sitting on the couch with my roommates I thought to myself, everything is as it should be.

The wine is steadily flowing; the cigarettes are smoothly burning and swear words are said every three seconds.

There truly is no place like home.

"All the Christmas gifts I didn't get this year."



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

I was hoping for a ton of stuff this Christmas, but apparently Santa forgot a bunch of the things I was asking for.

The first thing I wanted but didn't get was a new President who doesn't see Iraq and Mars as stepping stones to a second term.

A university that can provide a quality education even though the state government is cutting education funds faster than Edward Scissorhands does shrubs.

A drop in the cost of college education.

A million dollars.

Canada to just admit that it's America North.

Cindy Crawford to teach a P.E. course at UW-Stout, i.e. Yoga or Running.

A new course in the study of TV that meets four times a week. That way I'd actually do my homework.

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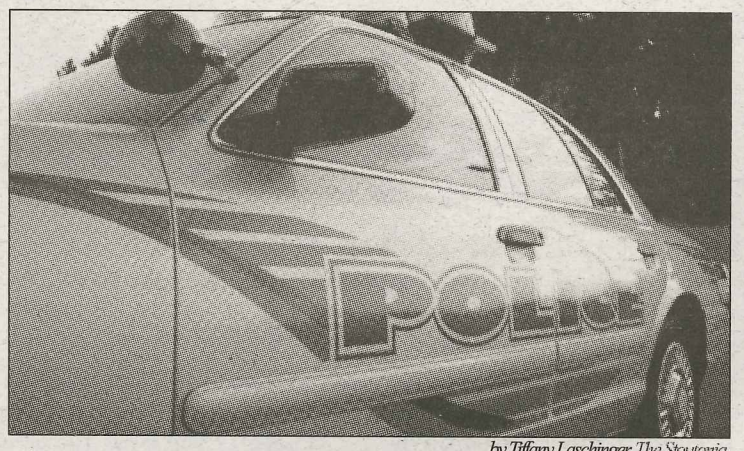
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Problems that plagued us in 2003

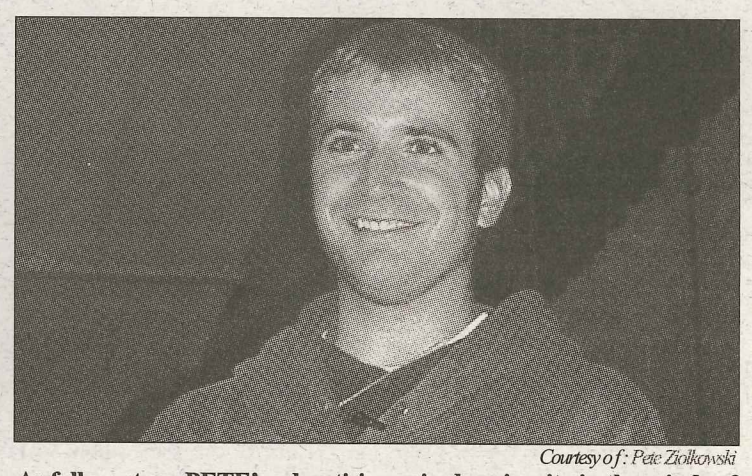
Diana Minea

With a space shuttle explosion, a war halfway across the world and budget cuts closer to home, 2003 was a tumultuous year. Besides the effects these events had on everyone, student's lives at the University of Wisconsin-Stout were also affected by parties, the mysterious PETE and Spam e-mail.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

At the beginning of fall 2003, police implemented tougher enforcement against underaged drinkers and those who supplied alcohol to minors.



Courtesy of: Pete Ziolkowski

As fall went on, PETE's advertising raised curiousity in the minds of UW-Stout students. Pete Ziolkowski spoke at the end of September.

Parties

When students returned to UW-Stout this past fall, or arrived for the first time, they were bombarded with messages about new police enforcement on parties.

The Menomonie and UW-Stout police forces started implementing new tactics to stop or reduce underaged drinking and house parties.

"People who host parties where alcohol is sold and/or consumed by people under the legal drinking age are going to be targeted with more aggressive enforcement and very high fines," said Allen Ebel, coordinator of the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program.

While in previous years, tickets were only given to the homeowners throwing parties, this year, police officers began giving drinking tickets to all minors with alcohol in their system at some parties.

Safety issues were one reason for the increased amount of enforcement, while another was complaints from the community.

PETE

It started out with signs simply displaying "PETE," then out came "I agree with Pete" and similar signs.

By the time the advertisements offered an answer to what was going on, many students were sick of the whole thing.

"Less is more," said Dana Johnson, a senior in multimedia design. "I'm all for people getting their word out, but when it starts to frequently encroach on my day, it's a little excessive."

What was the mystery behind the one-syllable name?

Pete Ziolkowski, a senior majoring in psychology, finally showed who he was when he spoke to curious students. He told the story of his troubled past and how he found that a Christian lifestyle filled the void in his life.

Spam e-mail

When many students open their e-mail boxes, they see line upon line of junk mail.

There were rumors that UW-Stout was selling e-mail addresses to these companies that don't quit.

"The university would never do anything like that," said Chief Information Officer, Joe Brown. "The only way other people could get students' e-mail address is through me, and I don't give them out."

Companies get addresses through other companies often times, but the web e-mail directory could be another culprit.

This semester, the university has chosen to activate a program called iHateSpam from Sunbelt Software. The program has a 95%+ success rate in detecting and quarantining junk e-mail.

Starting Friday, Jan. 16, the program was re-activated after it encountered some troubles at the end of last semester.

The program works by scanning the subject line and contents of an e-mail for keywords, symbols and phrases that often occur in spam mail. It then assigns a point value to the message, and those which score higher than 100 points are sent to the quarantine folder. Messages from people in your contact list, as well as UW-Stout e-mail users, are never sent to the quarantine folder.

Students are reminded to periodically delete the contents of the folder since the e-mails in that box will also count towards their e-mail quota.

However, students can choose to not have their e-mail scanned by going to http://tis.uwstout.edu/hd/common/ihatespam.asp and requesting to be removed from the scan list. All other users will be scanned by default.

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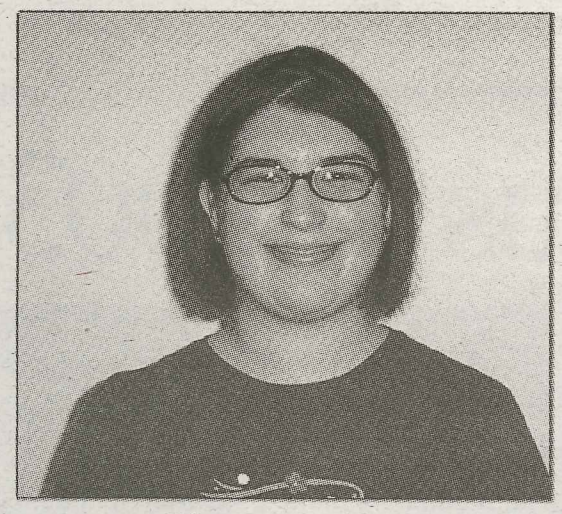
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STOUT WATCH



Lisa Matz - 22
early childhood education
senior

Hometown: Wausau, Wis.
Relationship Status: Married

What is the best thing you did over winter break?
Went home to visit family and friends.

What is your favorite quote?
"With God all things are possible." -The Bible

What is your most embarassing moment?
My phone started ringing during lecture in class, and I had to find my phone in my purse and turn it off.

What is the best way to spend a weekend?
Going to a concert with friends and afterwards going out for coffee.

Where is the best place to go in Menomonie?
Free concerts at Blind Munchies.

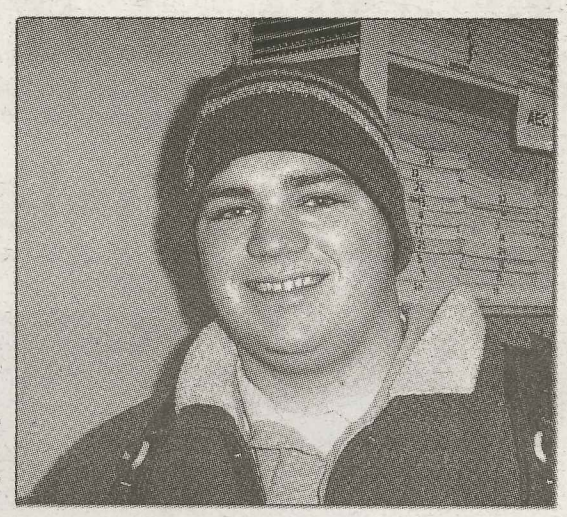
Describe your ideal date:
Going to a nice restaurant, talking a lot and going to a movie.

What is the best class you took at Stout?
Foundations of Education with Dr. Carolyn M. Barnhart

If you weren't in school what would you be doing?
Working at a daycare.

Describe yourself in one word: Energetic.

Who is the most important person in your life? God.



Chad Schaub - 18
engineering technology
freshman

Hometown: Marshall, Wis.
Relationship Status: Girlfriend

What is the best thing you did over winter break?
Went to Chicago and hung out with a couple of friends down there.

What is your favorite quote?
"Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

What is your most embarassing moment?
I slipped and fell in the snow in front of Bowman Hall.

What is the best way to spend a weekend?
With friends and my girlfriend out on the town getting crazy.

Where is the best place to go in Menomonie?
Wal-Mart because it has all the essentials.

Describe your ideal date:
Someone who's good looking, funny, smart and loves to have a good time. Go out to eat, go to a bar and play pool and billards.

What is the best class you took at Stout?
Economics with Diana M. Petersdorf.

If you weren't in school what would you be doing?
Working for my dad at his company in Madison.

Describe yourself in one word: Courageous.

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

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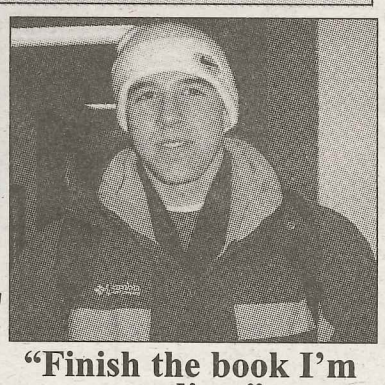
Slant

What was your New Year's resolution?



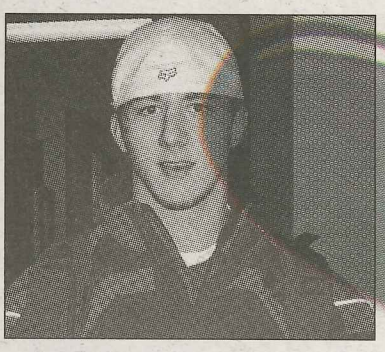
"Find a cure for blue balls."

Becky Banker
hospitality and tourism
senior



"Finish the book I'm reading."

Greg Heffling
dietetics
freshman

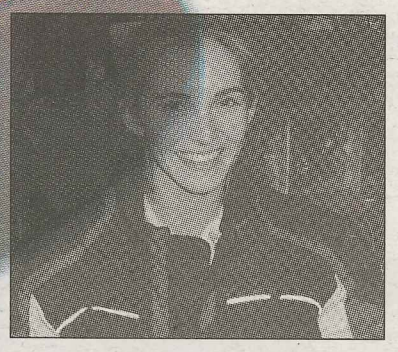


"Drink less and stay fit."

James Link
construction management
freshman

"Suck down more cocktails."

Annie Walsh
hospitality and tourism
senior



Next Week:

President George W. Bush wants to go to Mars. Who would you send?

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"We're guilty: we always want what we don't have."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

As my last few days of break were expiring, I was armed and ready for a new semester. Sure, I would miss my family, friends and boyfriend, but the break had been long enough. I got plenty of sleep and relaxation: more than I had gotten the entire fall semester, I am sure.

Now that I am back in the dorms, and classes are in full swing, I wish I could go back to those carefree days of break I was willing to give up so easily.

I have heard similar reactions from other students as well.

It just goes to show that people want what they can't have, and once they get it, they wish they hadn't.

We hear it all the time; curly haired girls use flat irons while those with straight hair get perms; guys that get a girlfriend only to look back fondly on their single days.

To me, it really comes down to one thing: People just need something to complain about.

Think about all those times that you said how much you hated your job, but when you were found without one, you complained that you had no money. Maybe you're the one who got the hot new car but is complaining about high insurance costs.

It seems like complaining takes up about half of our conversations. I am as guilty as you are. But why can't we stop?

It is only when the big things come along that griping about little things stops. Death, war, disease outbreak and other such tragedies stop our whining.

I have an idea. Make the one thing in your day that you love be a big thing. Make that matter so much that you won't care about all the simple annoyances.

Next time you know an answer in class, a car lets you cross the street or you have a good hair day, let that be important enough to make everything else fade away.

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Jan. 22 to Jan. 29

Thursday, Jan. 22
>Free climbing wall, 4-10 p.m., Stout Adventures
>Haley Bonar and Charlie Parr, musicians, 8 p.m., Rec Center.

Friday, Jan. 23
>Free climbing wall, 2-6 p.m., Stout Adventures
>Hockey vs. UW-Superior, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24
>Free climbing wall, 4-10 p.m., Stout Adventures
>Men's Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire, 5 p.m.
>Women's Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire, 7 p.m.
>CutAways, Mabel Tainter, 8 p.m., $6

Sunday, Jan. 25
>Arrogant Worms, Mabel Tainter Theater, 8 p.m., $18 adults $16 students/seniors

Monday, Jan. 26
No events scheduled

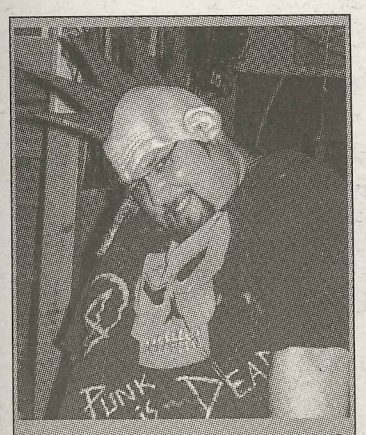
Tuesday, Jan. 27
>"Best of the Big Top Chautauqua," 7:30 p.m., Great Hall
>"The Decline of Western Civilization," film, 7 p.m., Huff's

Wednesday, Jan. 28
>Beginning drawing class, 7-9 p.m., School of Arts, 16 & up, $75 for 9wks

Thursday, Jan. 29
>Open Mic, 8 p.m., Acoustic Café

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Multi-talented musician returns

Diana Minea

Nationally known singer and songwriter Mason Jennings performed at the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Friday, Nov. 21, 2003.

Jennings' folk-rock has been compared to Ben Harper, Jack Johnson and even Bob Dylan.

"I'd describe him as a free-spirited and live-hearted performer," said Nate Reed, a senior in graphic design, who has seen Jennings perform at the Acoustic Café. "His music reminds me of a cross between Bob Dylan and John Mayer."

Without the help of a major label, Jennings has released four albums on his Architect Records, selling more than 50,000 records. Jennings has an anticipated fifth album coming out this February as well.

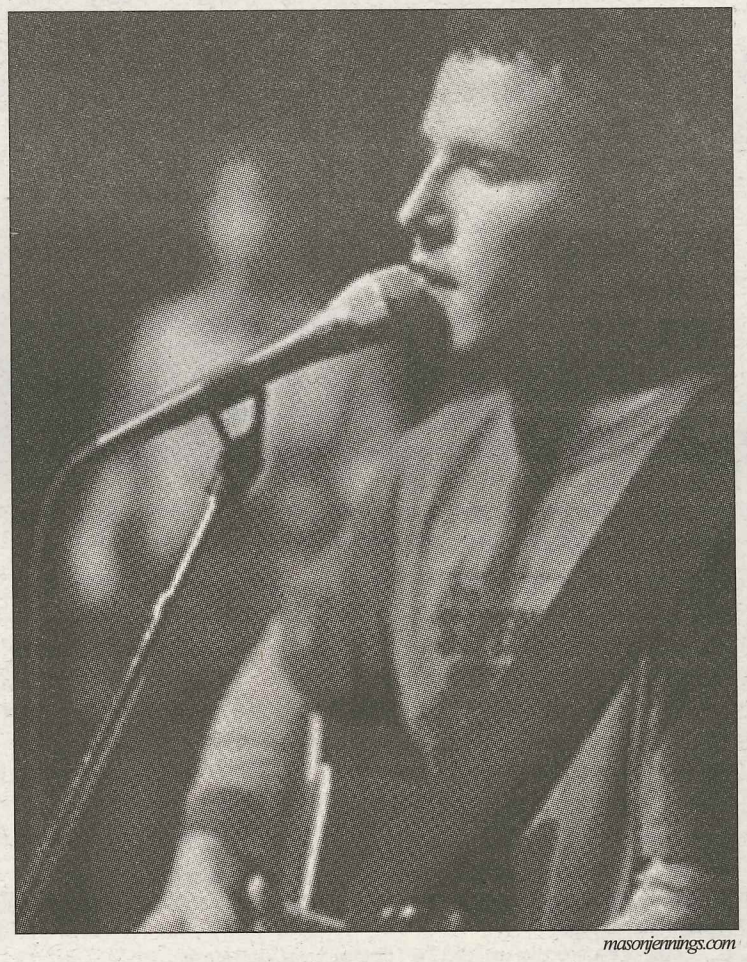
Instead of following the herd of musicians who create generic, standard tunes, Jennings says he tries to pour honesty and beauty into his songs, not just a punch line.

With witty, vivid lyrics and deep, thoughtful messages, *The New York Times* has called Jennings a songwriter to watch, and the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* called him a voice of a generation.

Jennings, originally born in Hawaii, moved to Minneapolis, Minn. when he was 19 because he loved the big, open sky and the abundance of music venues in the Twin Cities area.

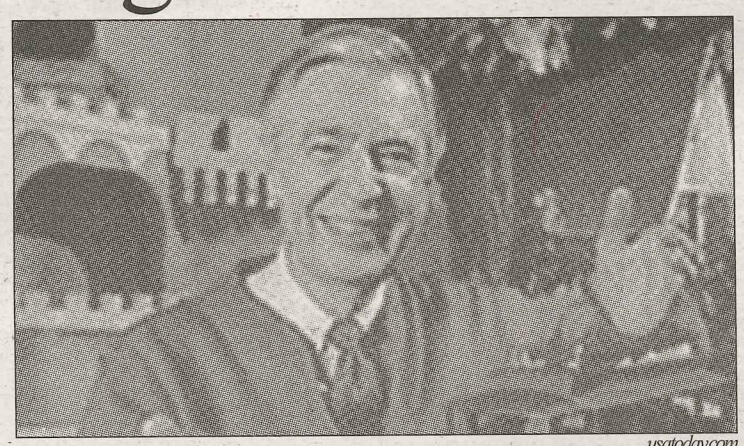
He started his musical career playing the drums, moved on to the bass, the piano and ended up with the electric guitar.

Jennings says that playing these various instruments not only helps him relate to his band but has helped him write and visualize songs from a different perspective.



masonjennings.com

Legend dies at 74



usatoday.com

Brianna Schrader

Fred McFeeley Rogers died at the age of 74 on Feb. 27, 2003 after a battle with stomach cancer. After 30 years and four Emmys, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood proved to be one of the most popular and memorable children's shows.

Three generations of children will remember him by his trolley that traveled to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe and Picture-Picture that allowed us to go behind the scenes to find out how things were made. Mister Rogers had a way of showing children a simpler, slower, gentler way of life.

"He took off his shoes and put on his cardigan and [I remember] the trolley that went through his house," said Crystal Prozinski, a freshman in apparel and design.

Rogers was a Presbyterian minister and had a master's degree in child development.

His show always explained the things that your parents might not have the answers to. He let you know that using your imagination was good and fun.

The man that taught children about dealing with difficult feelings such as anger, fear and death also has information for parents on the show's Web site for explaining his death to children.

Mister Rogers showed children that pounding some clay or dough is a good way to get rid of anger.

The simple underlying message for children to love themselves and to love others was expressed in the show through songs and stories and demonstrated through the actions of the puppets in the Neighborhood of Make-Believe.

"Mister Rogers is a legend that will not be forgotten," said Prozinski.

Pawn remodeled

Paige Klein

Over the summer of 2003, the Pawn was remodeled to accommodate the increasing business expected from the shortened hours of the Terrace.

Pat Niles, assistant director, University Dining Service (UDS) said the reason for the change boiled down to three main reasons.

The ultimate reason is that the change fits in with the master plan that the University of Wisconsin-Stout has been implementing over the years. An outside consultant made some suggestions to UW-Stout after many focus groups and surveys of faculty and students. Results suggested making the lower level of the MSC more of a gathering place in conjunction with the Recreation Center.

The second reason dealt with statewide and school-wide budget cuts;, UDS had to find a way to keep the self-sustained operation going by reducing overhead. UDS wanted to maintain reasonable prices, reduce staffing and stay current with the more popular food stations. This was done by moving late night operations to the Pawn.

Another major change in the community assisted the Terrace-Pawn change. Leever's closed its doors this summer. This sped up the push for more convenience/grocery items sold at the Pawn. The master plan includes increasing the line of grocery store items offered over the coming years.

As for the cramped seating complaint, the explanation was that soon there will be room to sit at the Rec Center. There are going to be some pool tables removed and more seating put in to create more of a gathering place for students.

Other interesting facts were revealed about the improved Pawn operation. They began handling all PM delivery on south campus starting Sept. 21. On weekends, you can find the Pawn as your primary food alternative to the Commons or Tainter from noon to 11 p.m. Soon there will be a freezer that hosts pints of Schoep's and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Niles said that closing the Terrace at 3 p.m. instead of a later time was based on sales figures and break-even analysis on 30-minute increments.

"University Dining Service is more concerned about the people we are serving than the fiscal challenges," said Niles to those concerned with the new and abrupt changes in the MSC food establishments. "We will continue to review opinions through comment cards, surveys and sales."

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I'm too sexy for my school

Krystle Williams

Nine contestants battled it out for the title of Stoutman in the Great Hall at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday, Mar. 25.

The men competed in the categories of formal wear, question and answer, swim wear and talent - but why?

"For the fun of it, to support Delta Zeta and I like meeting people," said Barry Hewitt, a senior majoring in hospitality and tourism.

Hewitt was one of the nine contestants who competed for the crown. Third place was $50, second place was $100 and first place was $150.

Surprisingly, Hewitt and the other contestants were more interested in having a good time than winning the prize money.

"I couldn't resist the opportunity to stand half naked in a room full of gorgeous women," said Chad Thomas Stuart, a junior construction major and the first place winner for the night.

This wasn't even the best part of being in the pageant, according to Stuart.

"The best part had to be the swimsuit portion," said Stuart. "The screaming, the whistling...every girl undressing me with her eyes...a fantasy come true. It still brings a smile to my face."

Tony Schlemm, a judge for the night and clerical assistant in the Registration and Records office by day, agreed that the Stoutman Pageant was a good idea.

"I think a lot of things students do are good ideas," Schlemm said.

What was Schlemm looking for when he picked last year's Stoutman winner?

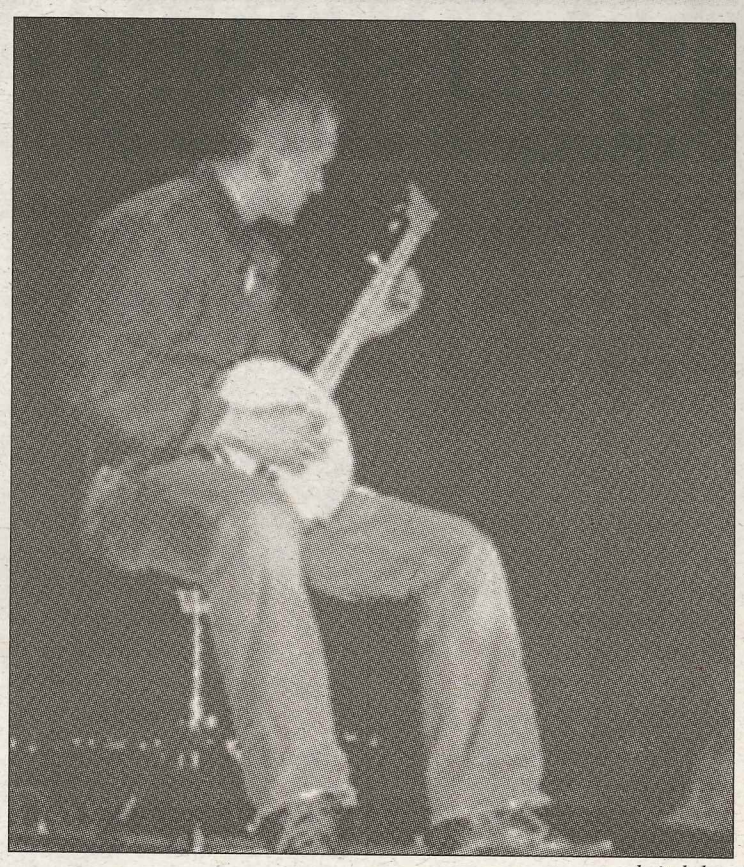
"I could be looking for bribes," Schlemm said with a smile on his face.

According to Hennick the judges were chosen based on their personal interests.

"For example, one was a speech teacher who would relate to the questionnaire portion," Hennick said.

What are the guys going to do with their money?

"I'd like to find an intriguing woman to wine and dine for a night; know of anyone?" asked Wiesneski.



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Chad Stuart (above) took home the crown and $150 check as UW-Stout's first Stoutman.

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1		147 _ Main St. #5	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Util inc/Bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$170	$170	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 _ Main St. #9	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	Util Inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #1	$500	$500	n/a	n/a	All Utill Included, great location OK for 2 people	8
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #2	$360	$360	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #3	$400	$400	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	702 - 4th St.	$263	$263	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	400 _ MAIN St. #1	$270	$270	n/a	n/a	WSG+HotWater Inc. Storage, location,n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #2	$300	$300	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #5	$335	$335	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	113 _ MAIN St. #2	$330	$330	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash Inc/location/n/p/	9
1	1	803 Wilson Av #5	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Include Utilities	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #4	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus, parking	8
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
1	1	119 W Main St. #1	$300	$300	$370	$370	Close To campus and downtown	3
1	1	630 _ s. Broadway #8	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Downtown location/WSG Incl.n/p	9
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	n/a	n/a	All ult. inc/ great downtown location	
2	1	113 W. Main	$350	$175	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	421 Wilson Ave #1	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	2121 5th #B	$390	$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	2121 5th #C	$390	$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	2121 5th #D	$390	$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	619 _ 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG,HotWater, Excellent Location	4
2	1	619 13th Ave	$470	$235	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
2	1	1803 _ 7th St.	$450	$225	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
2	1	119 Main St. #2 W	$380	$190	$430	$215	Close to campus and downtown, parking	3
2	1	921 Main St. #2	$420	$210	$520	$260	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	921 Main St. #4	$410	$205	$510	$255	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	421 13th Ave	$425	$213	$545	$273	Gas heat / hardwood floors	D
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	2724 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$405	$405	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$500	$250	$620	$310	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	605 13th St.E #4	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
2	1	607 13th St #5	$500	$250	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/ st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
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2	1	147 1/2 Main St. C	$650	$325	n/a	n/a	Util inc./ coin laundry/great downtown loc./n/p	O
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Very nice/ close to campus/ Modern	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$600	$200	$750	$250	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$960	$320	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$560	$140	$680	$170	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1606 10th St.	$600	$150	$780	$195	House behind Lammers,w/d hook up	H
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$600	$150	$750	$188	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$640	$160	$800	$200	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$940	$235	$1140	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
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4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	2	1415 8th Street	$1000	$250	$1150	$288	Upgraded recently,great location,parking,W/D	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1420	$355	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2	516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1050	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
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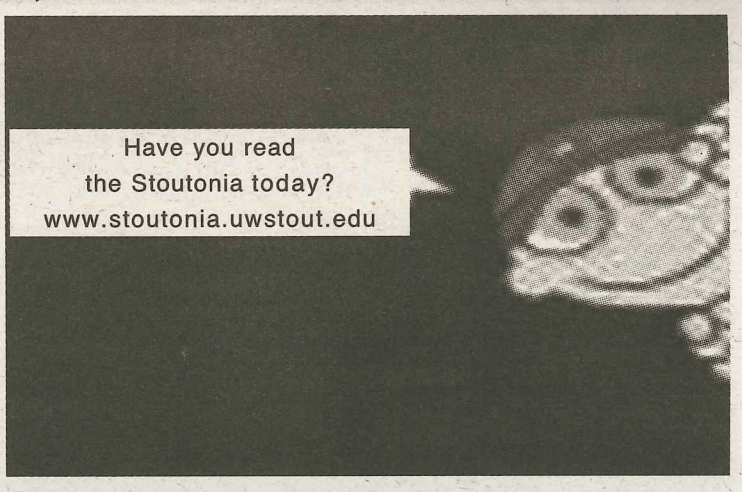
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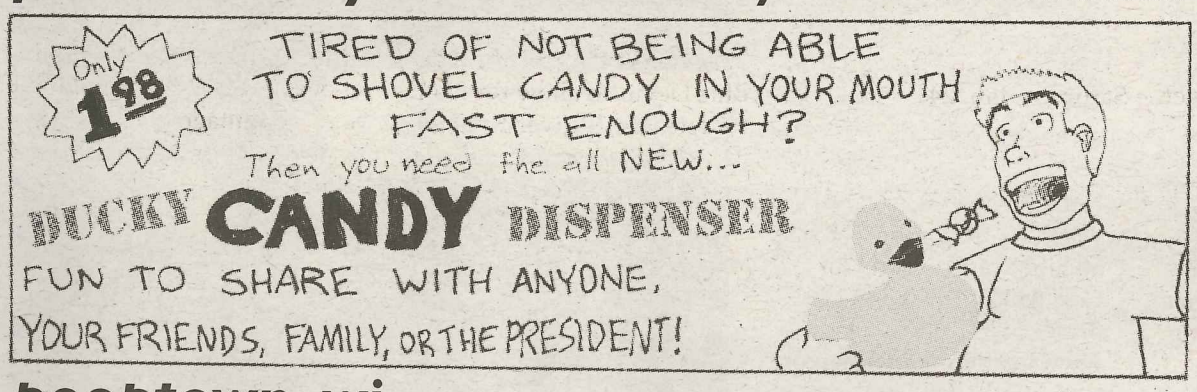
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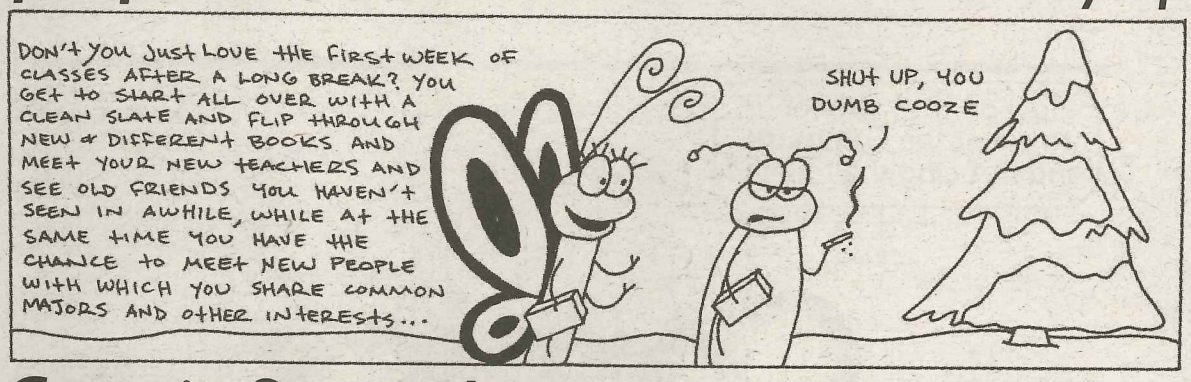
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The week in Blue Devil sports

Ryan Wessley

Men's Hockey

The University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team fought to tie the game in the second period, but Lake Forest took the lead back four minutes later and the Foresters went on to a 3-1 win over the Blue Devils, Saturday, Jan. 17 in Lake Forest, Ill.

After a scoreless first period, the Foresters opened the second period with a goal five minutes in by Cam Doull.

The Blue Devils (10-7-0) came back with a goal with seven minutes left in the period when Todd Wynia picked up his fourth goal of the season, with an assist by Derek Nichols.

Lake Forest took the lead back on a power play goal by Robin Charest with two minutes left in the period, then sealed the game with a goal with six minutes remaining in the game.

The Foresters pounded Blue Devil goalie, Jeff Dotson, with 60 shots, while UW-Stout managed to get off 28.

The Blue Devils will host the University of Wisconsin-Superior, Friday, Jan. 23, and will be at St. Scholastica, Saturday, Jan. 24.

Men's Basketball

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater went on an 8-0 run mid-way through the second period to turn back UW-Stout, 79-66, at Whitewater, Jan. 17.

With the Blue Devils leading the number 12 ranked team in the nation 53-52, the Warhawks got five points from Melvin Williams in a spurt to push the Warhawks to a 60-53 lead and the Blue Devil men would get no closer the rest of the way.

UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Wednesday, Jan. 21 and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Saturday, Jan. 24.

Gymnastics

UW-Stout added five points over its last outing, but was still edged by Winona State, 173.525-169.775, Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Johnson Fieldhouse.

Rhian Paulson captured first on the floor exercise with a personal best 9.35.

Shanna Kissinger finished third in the all-around with a personal best 34.725. Kissinger was also third on the vault with a personal best 9.075.

Lesley Rick took a second on the uneven bars with an 8.60 and was fourth on the balance beam with 8.75. She also scored in the all-around (34.575).

The Gymnastics team is off until Jan. 24 when the team is at UW-Eau Claire.

Women's Basketball

It took a 16-4 run early in the second half by the lady Blue Devils to allow the team to defeat UW-River-Falls 73-52 on Tuesday Jan. 20 at Johnson Fieldhouse.

UW-Stout controlled the boards, getting numerous second and third shot chances by collecting 29 offensive rebounds.

On defense the Blue Devils held the Falcons to only eight offensive boards and 36 rebounds total. UW-Stout, led by Kahl's 11 boards, pulled down 54 total rebounds.

Laura Verdegan finished with 12 points and seven rebounds. UW-Stout held a huge advantage at the line, tossing in 23-of-33 free throw attempts.

The Blue Devil defense also caused havoc for the Falcons, as it turned the ball over 33 times and UW-Stout had 21 steals.

The lady Blue Devils will have off until Saturday when it faces UW-Eau Claire at 7 p.m. at Johnson Fieldhouse.

Women's Basketball

Wesley Simonis

It has been a solid month for the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team. The team has posted a 6-2 record over the winter break and the lady Blue Devils has seen its second five game winning streak of the season.

With a record of 12-5, the lady Blue Devils are a couple of key wins away from being on the doorstep of the top 25 teams in the nation.

During the break, the team knocked off four conference opponents consisting of: The Universtiy of Wisconsin-Platteville, Univerity of Wisconsin-La Crosse, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and University of Wiconsin-River Falls.

"We have been playing well together," said Laura Verdegan, a senior majoring in dietetics. "Our press has also helped us win games."

Earlier in the season, the team came up just one point shy of defeating the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point powerhouse; UWSP is currently ranked sixth in the nation.

"I think we have a good chemistry," said Molly Hendricks an undeclared sophmore. "Our strong defense helps us too."

The Blue Devils currently sit in fourth place in the WIAC and look to knock off the tenth ranked University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The last meeting between these two teams was a battle that lasted deep into overtime resulting in a Blugolds victory by just one point.

"We are really pumped for this game," said Verdegan. "UW-Stout and Eau Claire are rivals and we expect a good crowd for the game."

It is certain that the lady Blue Devils will be seeking revenge when the Blugolds set foot in Johnson Fieldhouse on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Sarah Kahl

The Facts:
Basketball
senior
Menomonie, Wis.
business

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *The Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

Lady Blue Devil, Sarah Kahl, only needed 11 points to pass the 1,000 point mark in her career at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Kahl broke the magical mark with about six minutes remaining in the first half on Tuesday against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Kahl finished the night with 23 points and led the lady Blue Devils to a win. The effort brought her grand total points up to 1,012, putting her in sixth on the all-time scoring list at UW-Stout.

Passing the 1,000 point mark also gave Kahl the division three basketball athlete of the week honors.

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Meierkort says goodbye to Stout

Ryan Wessley

Ed Meierkort and the Blue Devils have seen their last days together. The head football coach who has walked the sidelines of the University of Wisconsin Stout for the past 11 years, will not be returning next season.

Meierkort has accepted the position of head football coach at NCAA Division II University of South Dakota, in Vermillion, SD.

Coach Meierkort was the most successful coach in Blue Devil history with a record of 55-55; the record may only be .500, but over the past four seasons the Blue Devils have posted a record of 29-11, the best over a four year span in Blue Devil history.

"This was almost an impossible decision," Meierkort said. "It would have been easier to stay, but after 11 years, it was time to take a chance and see what I can do."

"South Dakota has 36 full scholarships, a 10,000 seat domed stadium and a budget that is bigger than life. Plus, being in the NCC [North Central Conference] has always been exciting to me," Meierkort said.

During the 2000 season, Meierkort and the Blue Devils won their first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) title in 35 years, going 10-1 overall and remained undefeated in the WIAC at 7-0.

The Blue Devils made its one and only appearance in the 2000 season in the NCAA Division III playoffs. That season Meierkort was named the WIAC coach of the year and the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Region five coach of the year.

Meierkort has been a pivotal member in the emergence of UW-Stout as a front-runner in the Division III community. The Stout community soon shall see the success that lies ahead for the Blue Devils football team.

Over the past 11 seasons, there have been two players from the UW-Stout that have made it to the NFL. Fourteen players were All-American picks, and 25 were first team all-conference players.

"I am proud of what we have done here,"Meierkort said. "I believe we are leaving this program in a lot better shape than when we got here."

"Ed has done a great job for us," athletic director Steve Terry said.

"He was motivated, purposeful and had tremendous charisma. We will miss him at the University, and I will miss him and his family and friends."

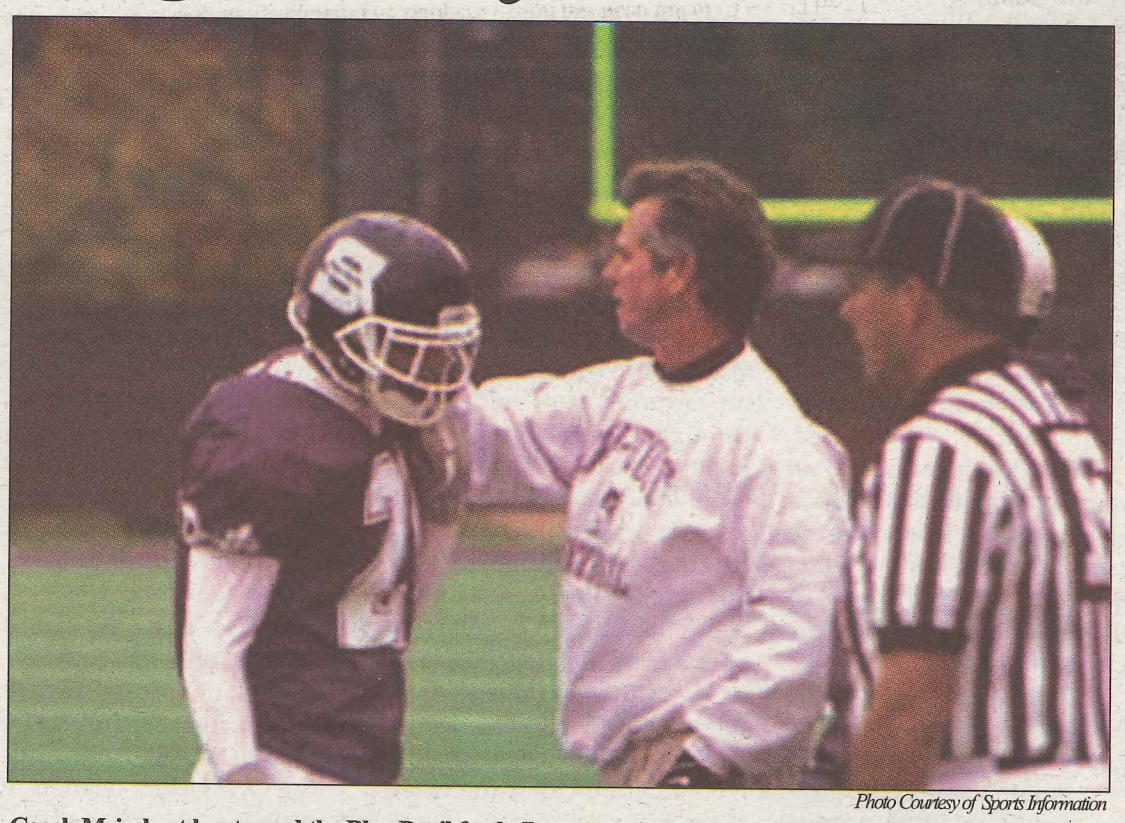


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Coach Meierkort has turned the Blue Devil football program into a team that is always in contention to win football games. His hard work and disipline is what made UW-Stout football what it is today.

At the University of South Dakota, Meierkort will be replacing John Austin, who compiled a 22-32 overall record while coach of the Coyotes of South Dakota.

Vermillion and the University of South Dakota is located about 35 miles southwest of Sioux Falls, Iowa.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will begin the interviewing process immediately for there new head coach. The new head coach will have to be hired by February 1, 2004.

Five people have been named finalists for the coaching position: Jeff Gabrielsen, the head coach at Concordia University in Mequon; J. Donald Montgomery, the defensive coordinator at Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio; Joe LaBuda, the head coach at Menomonie High School; Duey Naatz, and the assistant head coach and co-offensive coordinator at UW-Stout; and Todd Strop, the defensive coordinator at UW-Stout.

More than 60 applications from around the country and from all levels of football were received for the position. The shoes of Meierkort will be hard to fill. On-campus interviews will be conducted over the course of the next week.

Badgers stay on top while Gophers drop



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka



Photo Courtesy of Wisconsin Badger Basketball

Wisconsin Badger Dave Mader boxes out a Minnesota Gopher defender. The Badgers season has been full of success while the Gophers watch the season go in the tank.

Have you gotten a chance to look at the NCAA sports in our area lately?

Checking the Big Ten Standings in NCAA Men's Basketball we find the Wisconsin Badgers are in first place and the Minnesota Gophers are in dead last. This is either exciting, painful or boring, depending on if you're from Wisconsin, Minnesota or Iowa.

Checking the National polls, the Badgers are either 19th or 21st, depending on which poll you check. The Gophers are ranked somewhere behind the UW-Stout team.

Neither the Gophers or the Badgers were supposed to run away with the Big Ten Conference this year; both were predicted to be middle of the pack. That's what makes predictions so fun.

With each team having played three games in the Big Ten, it's easy to see which teams will be competing for a trip to the Final Four and which teams will be filling out March Madness Brackets.

Badgers Coach Bo Ryan has gotten his team off to a great 11-3 start overall, and they are 2-1 in Big Ten Conference play. On the other end of the standings are the Gophers, who appear to be following their namesake literally and are burrowing themselves deep into the basement of the Big Ten.

Dan Monson, the Gophers coach, had high hopes for his team at the beginning of the season, but this year turned out to be just like any other for the Maroon and gold.

Kris Humphries is the lone bright spot this season for the Gophers. He is averaging double figures in points and rebounds and getting more minutes than any other player on the team.

Gopher fans call him the teams' Lindsay Whalen.

For those of you that don't know the name Lindsay Whalen, you probably don't watch much Women's NCAA Basketball. I can't blame you, but I can tell you that's it's more interesting than the WNBA. Then again, taking a walk in the freezing cold is more interesting than the WNBA.

The Lady Badgers are having the kind of season the Men's Gophers are wishing they could have. At 7-7 the Lady Badgers have done nothing to great or terrible.

They will be out of the Big Ten Title hunt, which means they will be especially thrilled to try to take down the Gophers on Feb. 1 when everyone and their mom will be watching the Super Bowl.

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student life

Multimedia design holds its first ever gallery show Jan. 26-30. It was also a competition.

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Professor, students duplicate keys

Tim Krueger



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

All university locks have been temporarily re-keyed after duplicates of the university master key were discovered in a campus dorm room. The incident has expedited a plan to update all campus locks to a state-of-the-art system that cannot be hacked.

Starting as early as September 2003, two University of Wisconsin-Stout students and one faculty member began attempts to try to break the master key code. While they did not have access to a master key, they attempted to create one by using key blanks and by taking apart locks to learn the "code" that would open all of the university's locks.

"We believe we had a very secure key system; it was just that we had three people who were willing and able to spend a huge amount of time to figure this out," said Lisa Walter, Chief of Police for UW-Stout.

University Police examined all police reports from the time period of the key making and concluded that no criminal activity was committed as a result of the duplicate keys.

In December, a student living in the residence halls reported suspicious activity in a room near him, and on December 17, a search warrant was issued by a Dunn County judge to search the dorm room. The search uncovered evidence that informed police of the keys.

Approximately 10,000 doors are housed in UW-Stout's state and auxiliary buildings. State buildings are those that contain the administrative or academic functions of the university, such as Harvey Hall and the Administration building. Auxiliary buildings are those that contain the student life functions, such as the residence halls or the Memorial Student Center.

"When the keys were made, there were perhaps some pranks because of the keys, more of the nature that they entered campus off limits or after hours, but there was no criminal activity," said Vice Chancellor Diane Moen.

All of the created keys have been recovered. The three people involved gave no specific reason for the attempts and creation of the keys.

"The [Dunn County] District Attorney is considering a possible felony charge against the faculty member," said John Enger, Director of University Relations.

The faculty member is undergoing dismissal proceedings and was given notice of suspension with pay during that process. There is no suspension without pay under university rules.

Moen said the current campus lock system dates back to the 1960s. A plan has already been in place for the upgrade of the locks within the next two to five years; however, this plan has been expedited in order to maintain campus security. The new projected time frame is six to nine months. The new lock system will be state-of-the-art, and it will not be possible to hack in to.

The replacement of the locks in all university buildings is estimated to be around $470,000, of which approximately $300,000 will be for the state-owned buildings and $170,000 will be for the auxiliary buildings.

A more accurate figure is still trying to be worked out. A locksmith already employed by the campus will complete the work, but outside help is being explored to make the process run more smoothly.

Administration is still considering many different options to fund the lock change. The state has been asked to provide assistance.

The current time constraint will not add any cost to the original replacement plan and may even cost less than estimated. Until the new key system can be installed, the campus has been temporarily re-keyed to ensure the safety of students, staff and information within university buildings.

"No one has the right to put this community in jeopardy," said Chancellor Charles Sorensen.

Gov. Doyle delivers State of the State address

Joel Shaw

In his Jan. 21 State of the State address, Governor James Doyle contrasted his first year's performance to a handful of other deficit-suffering states, claiming his approach to balancing the state's budget was thorough but not thoughtless.

The governor listed his thoughtful tactics: he cut government spending by $1.5 billion, cut 2,300 state jobs and protected education, health care and public safety.

"Wisconsin is back on track," Doyle said. "We did it without raising taxes."

Assembly Speaker John Gard, R-Peshtigo, told *The Capital Times* that he agreed to work with Gov. Doyle on reducing the state's tax burden.

But, he added, "for families struggling to pay for the property tax increases they got, thanks to Governor Doyle's veto of the freeze, the state of the state still needs to improve."

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> **James Doyle**
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This is only the beginning according to Doyle, who announced his Grow Wisconsin plan in September – a plan designed to rebuild the diminished Wisconsin job market with high-wage jobs and make available over a billion dollars in public and private investment.

The governor has appointed the Task Force on Educational Excellence to monitor education funding. It's focus is on special education and establishing the necessary methods to hire and retain the best teachers.

Wisconsin's starting salary for teachers is $3,500 below the national average.

"It has become a direct threat to our quality of education," Doyle said.

The governor acknowledged that to properly care for children at home, the par-

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Bant appointed financial affairs director

Chelsea Rickert

The Stout Student Association (SSA) has appointed a new Director of Financial Affairs – Wendy Bant, a sophomore in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. She replaces Chris LaConte, who vacated the position after the fall semester to take a job with HigherOne.

"I feel that Chris LaConte left me off at a pretty good place, and I can take the ball and run with it," Bant said.

She is enjoying working with SSA so far and plans to possibly run again for the next academic year.

Dave Hay, president of SSA, hired Bant because she stood out from the five other candidates as the best person for the job.

"Wendy is positive, professional and knowledgeable," Hay said. "Though other candidates possessed many of these same qualities, Wendy exhibits all three."

Bant has held many treasurer and leadership positions throughout her high school and college careers. In high school, she was the treasurer of the county level Four-H Club in her town, where she handled the chapter's large account.

Last semester, Bant was the SSA representative for CKTO residence hall. She also held the spirit chair for homecoming this year in CKTO and worked with a large group of students to organize homecoming week events.

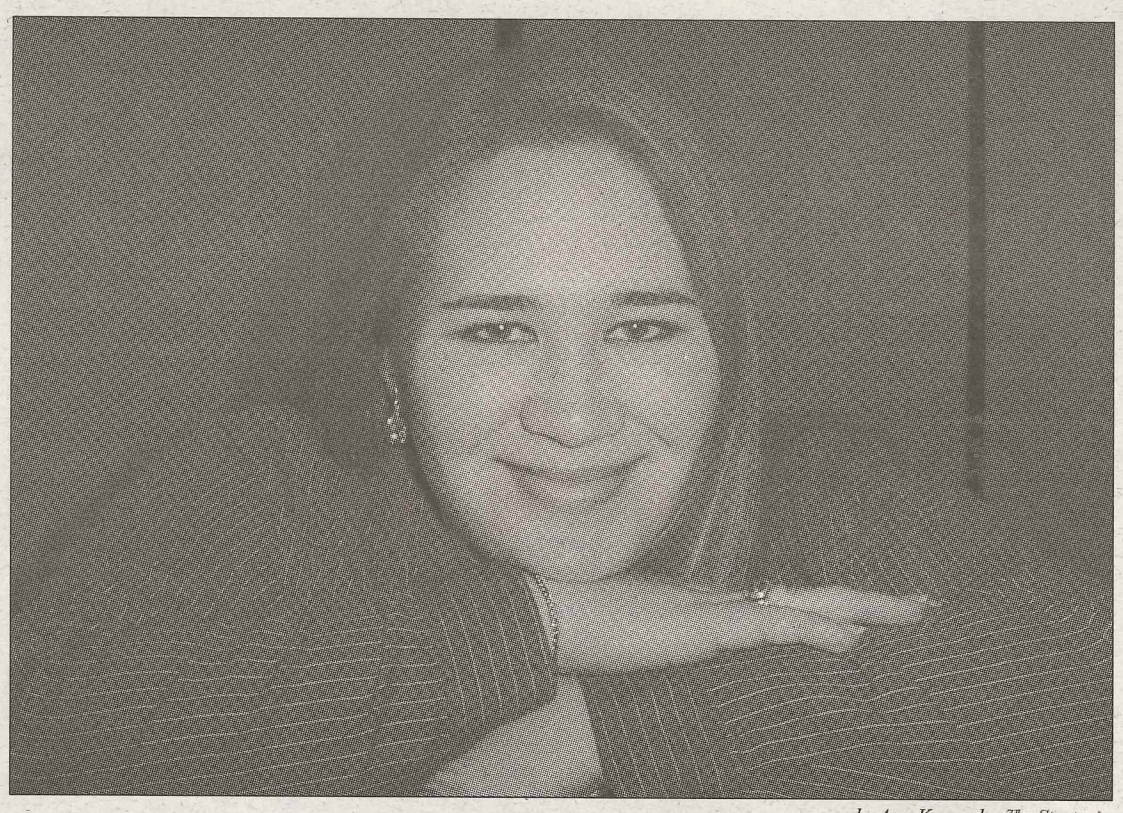
"Wendy believed in the students and would do just about anything to help them succeed during homecoming week," said Ryan Knotts, hall director of CKTO.

Knotts worked with Bant last semester and believes that Bant can do anything she puts her mind to. According to Knotts, she will have the same effect in SSA because she works great with anyone and is highly motivated, very organized and usually enthusiastic about anything she does.

"I have no doubt that Wendy can hold the new Director of Financial Affairs position," Knotts said.

Dipra Jha, the associate hall director of CKTO, had the opportunity to work with Bant and echoes Knotts' mentality. Jha says Bant worked with great enthusiasm, motivating others to participate in activities.

"Wendy is an outstanding people person," Jha said.



by Amy Kryzenske, The Stoutonia

Wendy Bant, a sophomore in hotel, restaurant and tourism management, has been appointed as SSA's new Financial Affairs Director for the spring semester. She will lead the Financial Affairs Committe, which is in charge of, among many things, allocating segregated fees to student organizations each year.

Although sorry to see Bant go, Jha is excited about Bant's new position and has no doubt that she is a cheerful asset to the University of Wisconsin-Stout community.

Bant has set goals for herself this semester as the new Director of Financial Affairs. With help from SSA and the Financial Affairs Committee, she plans to revamp the student organization budget process and simplify it for students in the fall. She also plans to look at the university's health insurance policies and legal services.

This semester, her duty is to supervise new reallocations, keeping track of what money goes where for student organizations on campus.

"Wendy has been able to come into the job with very little training, yet she is able to move forward with the process that was set in motion in September," Hay said.

Bant also has a close working relationship with the Financial Affairs Committee from her time as an SSA representative for CKTO.

She wants the role of Director of Financial Affairs to give her more leadership experience.

"I want to learn this position as best I can to serve the student body as a whole," Bant said.

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ents must be able to work. While he stresses the need for high-paying jobs, the Department of Workforce Development says there are 13,000 fewer manufacturing jobs per month in 2003 than in 2002.

Doyle announced a new Web site – http://www.DrugSavings.wi.gov – that will serve as a resource for citizens with questions about Medicare, SeniorCard and prescription drugs. The governor hopes to obtain permission from the Food and Drug Administration to include a link on the site that would allow Wisconsin citizens to purchase lower-priced prescription drugs from Canada.

Minimum wage is getting more airtime in this election year overture. All those who venture out on that narrow branch of the economy agree that working full-time for $5.15 does not provide a realistic living wage.

The governor also restated his opposition – with the backing of 65 sheriffs – to the repeal of a 130-year-old ban on concealed weapons.

"Wisconsin doesn't need guns in our shopping malls, movie theaters and on our playgrounds," Doyle said.

The State Senate voted 23-10 Friday, Jan. 23 to hide the holsters by overturning Doyle's veto of the concealed weapons bill. The State Assembly Republicans took the weekend to reload but couldn't find enough votes in the chamber Tuesday, Jan. 27 and decided to postpone the vote until Thursday at the earliest.

Doyle reminded Wisconsinites that the state's purse was still empty and said he would not be announcing any expensive new programs.

The governor covered several more topics, emphasizing the needs of local governments, school financing, groundwater preservation, the Ice Age Trail and the Fox River.

In conclusion, Doyle took time to preserve the dignity and memory of all Wisconsin's young people who serve their country at home and overseas.

At the end of the hour-long speech, Doyle spoke the names of nine soldiers who won't be coming home from Iraq and also honored astronaut Laurel Clark, a Racine, Wis. native who died in last year's Columbia space shuttle tragedy.

"They are a roster of heroes," he said. "They make Wisconsin proud. And we will never forget them."

Register to vote online!

"Young people are constantly accused of not voting, but it is just not true. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 18 million young adults age 18-30 voted in 2000. Just recently in the Iowa Caucuses, turnout among young adults age 17-29 quadrupled, making the young adult vote a significant and deciding factor in the caucus."

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Candidates race across country for votes

Joel Shaw

Democratic presidential candidates fled the snowy landscape of New Hampshire in a flurry Tuesday, after primary results provided the necessary momentum for most of the candidates to take on seven states in seven days.

John Kerry remained leader of the pack of candidates, claiming 39 percent of the votes. Howard Dean held 26 percent; Gen. Wesley Clark commanded 12 percent; John Edwards ruled 12 percent; Joe Lieberman possessed nine percent; Dennis Kucinich welcomed two percent and Al Sharpton was left wanting with zero percent of the vote. President George Bush gained 85 percent of the 62,927 Republican votes.

Kerry exclaimed his love for New Hampshire and Iowa to a virtual audience over the din of the crowd of Manchester, N.H., supporters.

"I hope to love a lot more states in the future," Kerry said prior to heading to St. Louis, Mo. for a Wednesday afternoon rally.

Edwards also said he was pleased with the results that gave his campaign forward momentum.

"New Hampshire has been very good to a visitor from North Carolina," Edwards said. "We went from five percent to 32 percent."

Post-primary numbers did not discourage any of the campaigners. The candidate's roadies began tearing down equipment and loading up the buses shortly after victory speeches for a long drive to warmer climates and some southern hospitality before next week's primaries and caucuses in Arizona, Delaware, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

According to Edwards' Web site, he will make a 24-hour tri-state marathon tour through Durant and Tulsa, Okla., on his way to his "Bringing It Home" tour in Orangeburg, S.C., and continue on to Springfield and St. Louis, Mo. Edwards will be picking up some of Dick Gephardt's campaign staff for the push into Missouri.

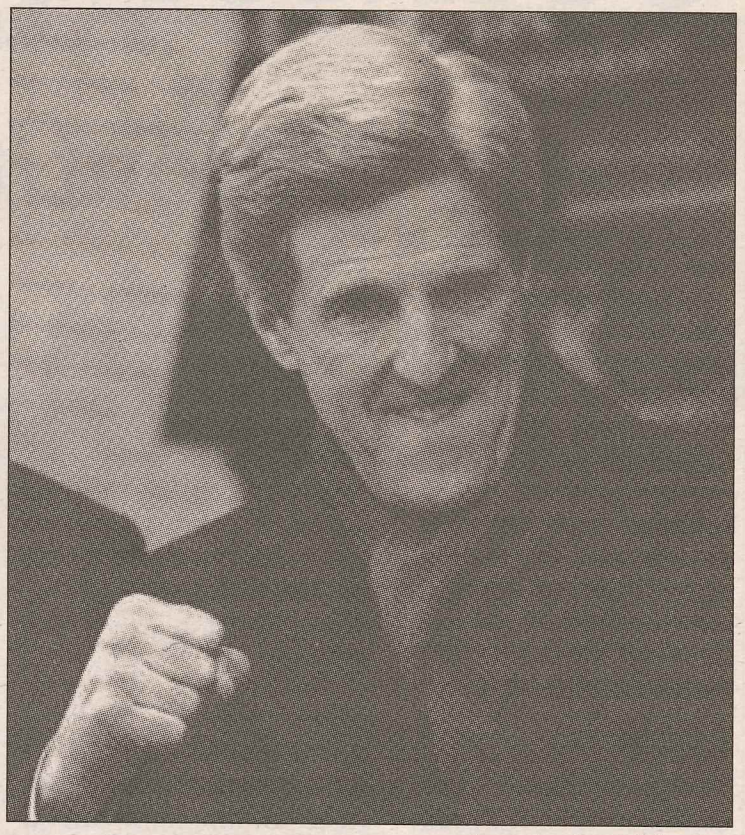
Dean went home for a day and will begin anew Thursday in Lansing, Mich. before dashing to debate in South Carolina then rebounding between Missouri and New Mexico with a side trip into Arizona.

A report in Frontrunner said that Gen. Clark, who is in a vote-for-vote race with Dean, flew his support troops south for an assault on South Carolina, Arizona, Oklahoma and New Mexico on Wednesday.

Lieberman, now known as MoJoe by his staff, followed the crowd to Oklahoma. According to his Web site, leading supporters in the Feb. 3 primary states are demanding that he carry his fight to their state.

Fifth in running, Kucinich, spent Wednesday in Oklahoma, Thursday in South Carolina and will move on to New Mexico and Arizona on Friday, according to the schedule posted on his Web site.

According to *The Associated Press*, over 200,000 democratic voters made it to the polls, breaking the 1992 record of 172,000.



Courtesy http://www.johnkerry.com

John Kerry won the New Hampshire primary with 39 percent of the democratic vote. Candidates quickly fled the state to campaign across the country

The *New York Post* reported that Sharpton suffered another blow Wednesday when the Federal Election Commission (FEC) handed him a $5,500 fine for three federal election law violations. Sharpton did not file the necessary fundraising reports with the FEC once he announced his intention to run for president.

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About those blue tombstones



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

One of the best parts about writing your opinion is that you have the right to express whatever opinion you feel the need to.

Earlier in the year, *The Stoutonia* ran a staff editorial questioning the thought process behind the new blue signs around campus.

My name is Curt Trnka and I wrote that editorial because I felt the signs were unnecessary and too costly during a budget-crisis. I now have a story which explains why our campus is better off for having the signs.

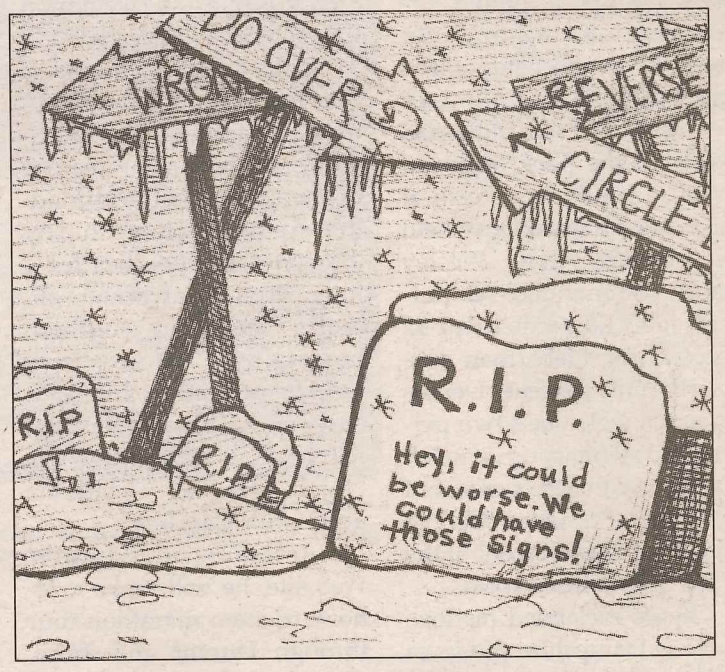
This semester I am taking Signage and Exhibition, which is a course that teaches students the value of signs as directional tools. For the first project we have to find a location and redesign their signage.

My partner and I knew that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus needed an upgrade in the signage department.

We drove around trying to find things and kept mentioning the fact that "gee, if they had a sign here or there it wouldn't be so hard to find everything."

UW-EC's athletic teams are called the Blugolds. If I asked you to tell me what color signs they should have on their campus you would, of course, answer blue and gold. However, the people in charge of signs at Eau Claire apparently are colorblind because most of the signs don't match, and none of them are blue or gold.

What does all of this have to do with our new signs? Or as my professor called them our "blue tombstones."



Well, because we have signs that look decent and accurately label everything, our freshmen don't get lost half as often as Eau Claire's.

But more importantly, the signs really do look good. They will look good for quite a while, too. When parents bring their little kiddies to tour the campus, these signs will prevent them from getting lost.

Fewer parents getting lost on our campus means more parents that think the University of Wisconsin-Stout is a great school for their kids. Which in turn leads to more freshmen and hopefully in the process, lower tuition.

So now I will get to the point. I was wrong about the blue tombstone signs; they are very useful to any visitors and a good addtion to our campus.

Battling on with ADHD and ADD



GREEN SENSE
Elizabeth Bailey

So perhaps my short-term memory is about 2.5 seconds long, and I can't recall ever having an attention span. If you'd like to put a label on that, I'm sure it's most likely Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD).

Have you ever gone into another room to get something, only to get there and wonder what you're looking for? I've zoned out once again. I can't count the number of times that I've done this and had to turn around and go back to figure out what I was doing.

I've realized that my mind is continually wondering and multi-tasking faster than what my body can physically do. I forget because in my mind, it's already done by the time I get there.

The more my mind races, the less sleep I get and in sets Insomnia. Strangely, this is sometimes helpful in getting everything done in a daily college chaotic lifestyle.

Does any of this sound familiar? If you can't concentrate on the task at hand and have a short attention span, you may have ADD/ADHD. This seems a bit vague and could diagnose our entire campus on a Friday.

Psychologists have been feeding ADD/ADHD diagnosed children the addictive Ritalin for years, despite the bad side effects and addiction that goes along with it.

There are more natural remedies treating the disorder faster and permanently. Having one focus is a 100 natural remedy with a high success rate.

I'm a firm believer that you don't need any type of "drug" to solve a problem. Quiet testing environments are supposed to keep students from distractions.

That's the worst environment for me. Being stuck in a quiet room would put me to sleep or be too quiet for me to concentrate. It doesn't make sense, but I honestly do better in a chaotic environment.

My solution was merely adapting to an environment and understanding what needed to be done in order to hyper-focus on the task at hand. Anyone that knows me has realized that when I'm hyper-focusing, they need to make sure I'm listening before they start a conversation with me.

My roommate conducted a study on me to document how many times she'd talk to me before realizing that I wasn't listening.

I felt awful when I found out how bad it was. I proceeded to explain that when I'm watching a movie I'm literally in the movie and can't be removed from that state of mind until I'm physically touched.

To her I was being extremely rude, but she eventually understood that's the only way I could focus.

People say the most sporadic things when they realize they might forget what they want to say before you finish your sentence. Unless I interrupt, I not only forget what I was going to say, but I haven't heard what they were saying either.

Just as my brain is skipping all over the place while thinking, so is the direction of this article. Studying while music is playing and the TV is on has actually become my preferred studying environment. The extra distractions have forced me to hyper-focus.

Pushing past frustration and understanding what I need to do helps me survive. I generally end up trying to multi-task, only to not completely finish anything. Then I go back to one task at a time and eventually finish.

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Letters to the Editor

Responsible reporting

I graduated UW-Stout in May 2003 in Art-Graphic Design and very disgusted and disappointed in the article featured in the last Stoutonia called, "Pushing concepts and finding no limits" by Diana Minea.

The writing was inaccurate in stating that, "no intense research was required for the previous graphic design students' senior projects."

My classmates and I spent over half of the semester researching our own "broader questions" for the topics we chose to design about.

The whole semester and purpose of the class is to focus on one project for one semester and push it to its extremes to get the design to the best possible solution.

The purpose of the class has always been that way in order to guide students into a greater sense of their design capabilities and prepare them for the intensity and depth of real world design assignments.

If it weren't for that intensity, I would not have felt as prepared and confident about starting a graphic design business of my own after graduating.

Reporters should report responsibly and not "downgrade" graduated classes to make the current class seem more important.

Sincerely,
Andrea Koeppel
Owner/Creative Director
Ocreative Design Studio, LLC

Ms. Koeppel,

I attended the senior show the semester you graduated, and it was very apparent a large amount of time was spent not only on the production of the projects, but on the ideation and research as well.

However, it is my understanding that this semester was the first in which this degree of research was formally required as part of the class syllabus.

That is not to say previous classes didn't do so as well, but they weren't required to do so in thesis type format.

Diana Minea
Student Life Editor

Firetrucks for everyone

Hello, I received a bill in the mail yesterday from the city of Menomonie for services rendered, anyone living off campus receives a bill quarterly from them and should know what I am talking about-unless these things go to their parents to take care of; as I was looking over where all the money I could be spending on drugs was going I noticed one of the charges was for the fire department, it was $14.85.

At least once a day I hear sirens and see at least one of the firetrucks going somewhere on broadway, this begs the question of where these sirens are always rushing off to and why the citizens of this community are stuck paying what amounts to almost $60 per year for this noise?

If they are actually going to put out fires then that would mean that roughly half of the houses in Menomonie have started on fire sometime since I have lived here, or maybe kittens are getting stuck up in trees? Is anyone else disturbed by this?

Thanks for your time,
Joseph Van Nurden
UW-Stout Student

Join a Greek organization

I am writing to the students of UW-Stout to encourage them to check out the opportunity of joining a Greek Organization on campus. As a Stout Alumni I am very grateful for the many experiences that I was able to have during my time at Stout.

I truly believe that my involvement in Greek Life at Stout has shaped me into the person that I am today. It has helped out tremendously with both my personal life and professionally.

The benefits of networking, leadership roles, development of social skills, community service, scholarship, friendships, teamwork the list goes on and on are AMAZING!

I am sure that if you ask people in greek organizations, both current members and alumni, they will give you a vast number of reasons why they choose to join.

Fraternal organizations have been around for hundreds of years and continue to grow by finding people like you, students at Stout that may be looking for a way to enhance your college experience.

It may not work out to be something you are interested in but then again it could be the best decision you ever make. Involvement in any organization, while in higher education can truly enhance your experience.

One of the statements that was told to me when I decided to join a sorority was, "Strangers you entered, friends you became, sisters you remain." This is so true and if you decide to give it a chance it could be true for you too.

Kristin Loomis
UW-Stout Alumni 1999

"In reality, none of these people should ever count as celebrities."



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

Recently on television, I saw a commercial that really made me regret that I had seen it.

It was a commercial for the popular and delicious Sloppy Joe sandwich, and it featured a variety of famous "celebrity" Joes. One of which was Joe Piscapo, so you can see why I put the word celebrity in quotes.

While it was kind of annoying to see Joe Piscapo, that wasn't my biggest beef with the commercial. The part that really got to me was the ending. As all the Joes are enjoying "being sloppy," the doorbell rings and guess who it is?

Not Joe Camel, not Curly Joe from the Three Stooges, but my old arch nemesis, Evan Marriot a.k.a. Joe Millionaire.

I couldn't believe it. There was that shlub Marriot trying once again to squeeze just a little more milk out of fame's baby bottle.

It's not just him, though, it's all reality TV stars. It seems like there's some sort of strange disease that these "stars" contract.

This stupidstaridis makes them think that they can continue to hold the same amount of power after they've given out their last rose, or married the phony millionaire that they've been lusting after. It just doesn't add up.

They think that just because they were on TV once, they should continue appearing time and time again.

For example, the last bachelor on the show of the same name, has a new album out. By that logic, if I pick up a guitar once, I should automatically start playing shows. Sounds ludicrous, I know, but not if you're a star on a reality TV show.

In my flurry of anger, I neglected to mention the way that the "Joes" commercial ends.

As soon as the other Joes get one look at Joe Millionaire, they slam the door right in his face, making up for the whole commercial up to that point.

Maybe now ol' Evan will realize that for him, there is no 16 minute.

STOUTONIA ♥ 1990s



SPACEDOUT
Chelsea Rickert

Okay, I was in the shower at 2:30 a.m. and I got this really cool idea. VH1 is always showing "I love the 80s" and "I love the 80s Strikes Back." They've even done a segment on the 70s, which was really stupid in my opinion. Probably because I wasn't there for any of it.



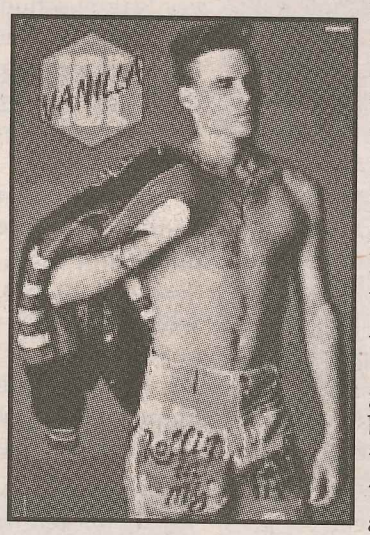
Anyway, I was wondering why VH1 hasn't done "I Love the 90s", and then I realized that I had just had an epiphany. Why not do a piece on "*The Stoutonia* Loves the 90s?" The 90s has been dubbed "the lost decade," but I have decided not to forget it and make sure that you haven't forgotten it, either.

The years between 1990 and 1999 gave us many great, and many not-so-great things, including Dr. Kevorkian, the Flannel Fad, Jurassic Park, Beanie Babies and Starbucks. Come on, how can this not be the best decade so far?

1990 was the virgin year of this lost decade, and it went out with a bang with Desert Storm. Big bad Bush deployed U.S. forces in response to the Iraqi Republican Guard's invasion of Kuwait. We had to protect our oil, ya know.

1990 also produced the timeless hit by Vanilla Ice, "Ice, Ice Baby." You can't deny that you've gotten your groove on to that homoerotic song more than once.

Some of the best movies came out that year as well. "Edward Scissor Hands" created a path to fame, fortune, and Sexiest Man Alive award for the then-budding actor Johnny Depp. Mmm.



What about the loveable kid from "Home Alone," with the scene where he spanks his face with aftershave and screams bloody murder? It's almost sad that he turned into such an ugly guy, married and divorced by the age of 18.

The year 1990 also produced blockbusters such as "The Hunt for Red October," which pulled $120 million at the box office. But the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" creamed "Red October" with a whopping $135 million gross. "Total Recall" came out, too—you know, the one where the current Mr. Governor of Cali goes to Mars. Maybe Bush Jr. wants to send Arnold to Mars.

Who can forget the humble beginnings of "The Simpsons"? "The Simpsons" actually started in 1989 on some other show but got their own time slot in 1990, and it is still going strong.

Yes, the year 1990 was a great year, followed by nine more years that were just as great. Keep watching in future issues for further installments of "*The Stoutonia* Loves the 90s."

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Deploying diplomacy for U.S.



CUP O' JOEL

Joel Shaw

Deploying troops to foreign soil for the purpose of freeing an oppressed and tortured people is, at first mention, a worthy goal if the true motives and intentions are understood and agreed to by the people of the country sending the troops. Taking action after nationwide discussion and debate is a true democratic act.

A true democracy is representative of all the people, and decisions made in the name of the people are based on a constitution that was written by authors who had the welfare of all the people in mind. This form of welfare has to do with equal access to rights and opportunity.

If the United States was universally recognized as being the model of democracy, then we the people would be able to stand on the shores of our country and wave the flag of freedom without doubt or disillusionment about what our flag represents. We could say without reserve that our elected and appointed officials are acting honestly and openly on behalf of the people they swore to represent upon taking the oath of public office, i.e. to act in accordance to and in defense of the constitution.

I don't believe we the people are represented honestly and openly. The United States is not the model of the democratic process. The United States is not the shining example of a government by the people and for the people. Therefore, it should be no surprise that we are not welcome wherever we choose to drop our anchor of democracy.

How can our nation, so segregated by class and economics, carry a message of hope to a poor and suffering people elsewhere? How could a poor and suffering people across the ocean look at our nation of poor, homeless and hungry people and ask to join us in our misery? Can it be that the poor have no voice loud enough to be heard outside our borders, and have no honest representative within our borders to speak up for them?

Ask any one of the homeless individuals in our nation if they agree that the United States should practice its current policy of destruction and reconstruction on foreign soil while they, the homeless, forage for their next meal in the dumpster behind the local convenience store. Ask them if they think they are active and willing participants in U.S. foreign aid policy.

Legislation is passed from the House to the Senate, undergoing a continuous process of amendment and revision, as in the case of the $387 billion omnibus bill, so the legislators can have it both ways and the public is left in a cloud of incoherent laws and the bill is passed without debate by unanimous consent!

You, the voter, hear the politically correct rhetoric echoing in the halls our capital buildings. You are offered that same version via the corporation-dominated media. You watch the show put on for your benefit. You do not hear the huddled discussions going on in private, minutes before the final votes are cast in the House or Senate. You do not hear or read about the truth unless you take the time to find it. I think it is our duty as citizens of this country to seek the truth and remove the special-interest shroud that is smothering the democratic process in this country.

If there is a distinction in truths (I say, sadly, there is), where is the other version of truth to be found? There is the media-conglomerate version that lacks depth and risk and there is the other version. The individual truth. Truth that is based on all the obtainable facts regarding an issue. Where can you find the facts? Start your quest for the truth at the library. Start by reading any one of the thousands of book written by authors who have worked in the halls of government, media, science, medicine and justice and have found no other outlet for their frustration or triumphs: this causes them to write a book about their experiences.

I think this is the only "free press" still available, and it is a good place to start to form your establish your own position on the state of our democracy and your role in it. Then, start talking about it. Then, make an informed vote. Let us deploy democracy right here in the homeland and if we get it right, we will not have to force it on other nations; they will want it.

I wanna do it!



NOT RIGHT NOW

Lara Monk

A bed, pool table, closet, fitting room, car and kitchen table all may be suitable places people find losing their virginity acceptable, but my favorite choice is the honeymoon suite.

Perhaps I'm being too old fashion and you're thinking I need to wake up to 2004, but realistically we all, at one point, had a dream of saving ourselves for our spouse. Whether it was in middle school or just last year, I believe we all thought it was possible at one time in our lives.

Earlier in our lives, sex wasn't relevant, but as it became something of our daily discussions, the idea of waiting slowly dissipated. Maybe we only wanted to wait because our parents wanted us to, or we didn't realize the strength of temptations when we were eight-years-old. Maybe we wanted to wait because God told us to wait. It could have been a number of things, but either way the majority of us grew out of the dream.

So, if it's no longer possible to wait, what is it that leads us astray from this childhood dream of ours? I think it's very possible that we've grown up, but we haven't matured. Yes, I used the "m" word, but thankfully it was not matrimony or maternity.

Speaking of the two relative topics, I want to ask you two questions. Does the word matrimony no longer mean to bring together as one, specifically meaning, for the first time? Also, who plans on wearing maternity clothes before they have a ring on their left hand? No one. But what I want people to understand is that it is preventable.

Pretty soon sex-education may choose to follow the crowd and promote safe sex. It would be discouraging to see future students, our children, taught that birth control, rather than abstinence, is best.

There are hundreds of stories about how it could or might happen. There's a possibility that he told you he loved you, you're practically engaged, you were drunk or maybe you couldn't stop when things were "hot". Whatever the case may be, the best decision is in your hands to make. Take advantage of free will and make a decision you'll be happy with.

It's not too late to relive your childhood dreams and take back what belongs to you. You don't have to follow the crowd; not everyone is doing it and those that are may be regretting it. Tomorrow you may surprise yourself and say, "I wanna do it…I wanna wait."

Life. Not as I imagined



THE DROP

Lindsey Schuldt

Lately I've been stuck in this on going process people like to call 'life'.

It was supposed to be easy.

I was supposed to grow up and everything else was supposed to just work.

I was going to get good grades that got me into an Ivy league school.

Then, I was going to find prince charming and he would sweep me off my feet and make my life a big fairy tale.

His rich inheritance would allow me to stay at home and raise the perfect 'Leave it to Beaver' family which everyone else would be jealous of.

I was going to be blonde, 5'6", 120 pounds.

And my life would be everything I dreamed it would be.

As it turned out, it wasn't easy.

As of right now, I have okay grades and ended up at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

I thought I met my prince charming… several times… but I lost him yet again in the confusion of life. Instead of sweeping me off my feet, I've had guys throw up on my feet, and instead of living a big fairy tale, I'm living more of a big soap opera.

The rich inheritance is completely MIA, and I for some reason I doubt having a 'Leave it to Beaver' family is exactly what I want anymore, much less something people would be jealous of.

I'm not sure what my natural hair color is anymore, I ended up at 5'11", and… well, I'm not 120 pounds.

But for some reason, I still have a smile on my face. I don't regret the fact that nothing in my life is as I planned it to be.

I've been learning to stop trying to figure 'it' out. Because in the end, everything will figure itself out.

It's hard. It's hard to have a blind faith in something you have no idea about, but you need to allow yourself to be guided down your path. Because you can't force what you aren't, and you can't forget what you are.

Only too often we lose ourselves in our lives, our relationships and our jobs.

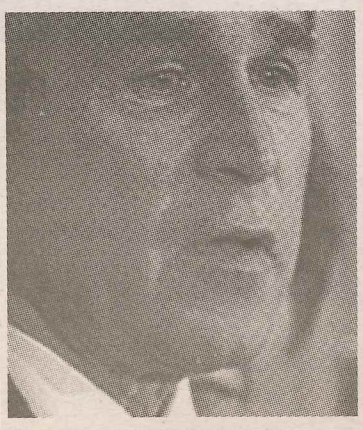
We're young, and not committed to what never was.

I'm glad I can look back and smile.

But I'm thrilled that my glimpse backwards doesn't prevent me from moving forward.

A wise man once told me that in this life, he always wants to be happy, but he never wants to be satisfied.

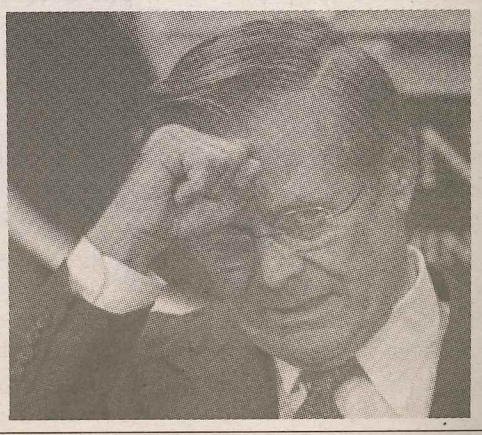
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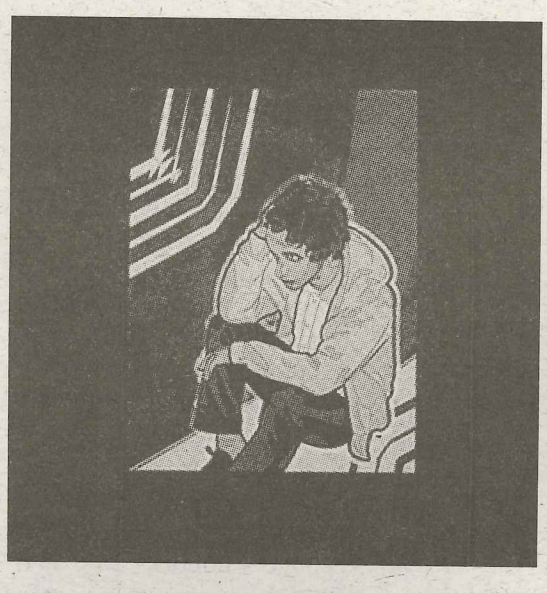
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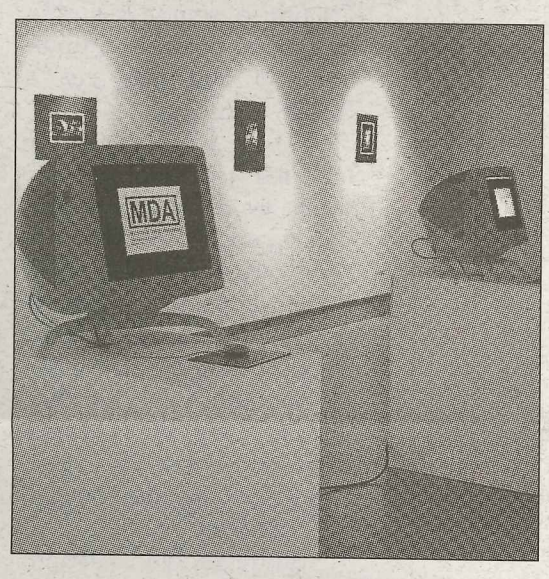
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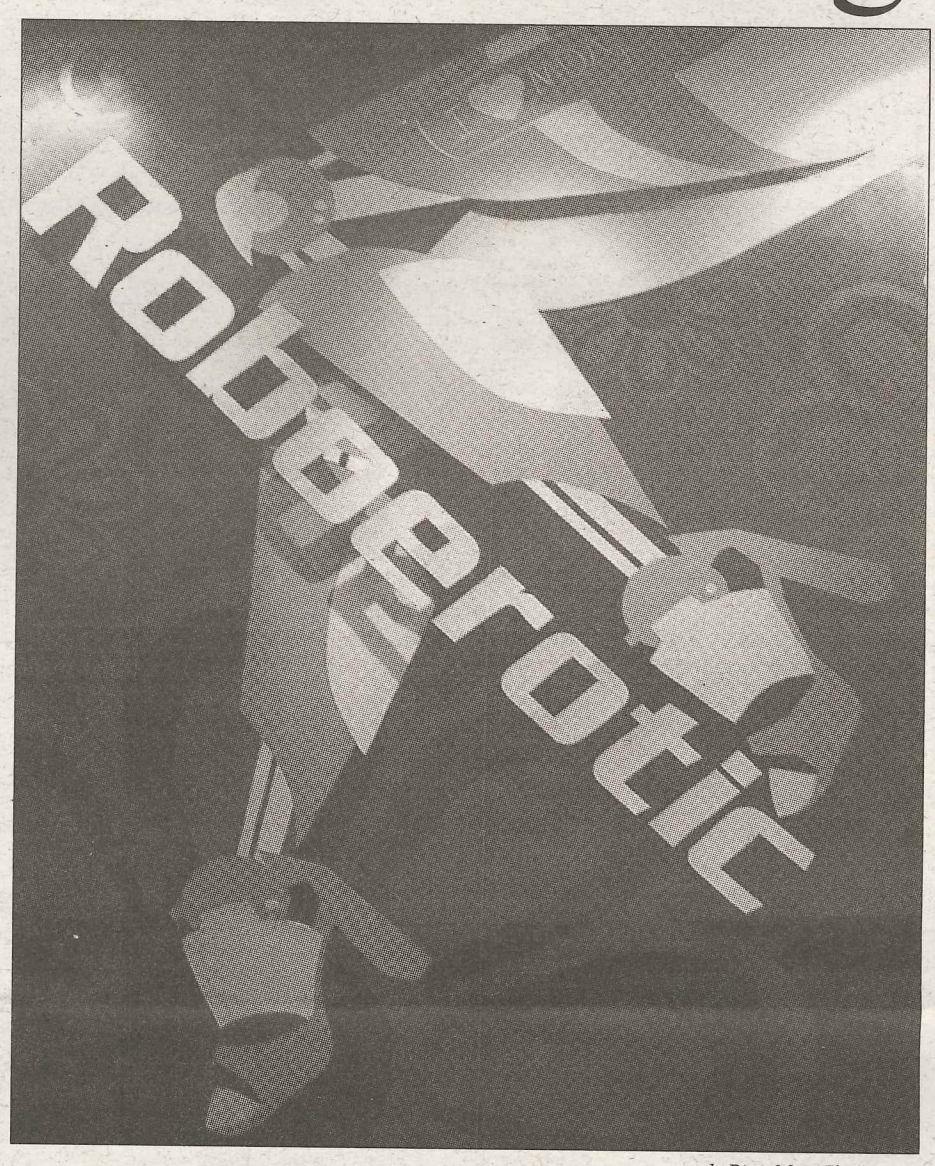
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Multimedia comes out of hiding

Diana Minea







by Diana Minea, The Stoutonia

Multimedia design is one of the newer majors on the UW-Stout campus. Its first show, besides senior shows, Roboerotic is currently in the student gallery of Applied Arts. The show features pieces from a variety of students who used different themes and programs to execute their designs.

When many people think of art tools, keyboards and mice aren't what come to mind. However, that is what many art students, like the ones involved in the Roboerotic multimedia design show, use to create their artwork.

Multimedia design is a rather new program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Until Roboerotic, there hadn't been any multimedia design show other than the senior shows. The show will run until around 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30 in the student gallery of Applied Arts.

Due to the fact that multimedia is mainly computer work, the student gallery is currently home to three computers and two projectors, all which contain the same artwork. With computers often come problems, which the show had its share of in the beginning.

"It's not just about making it all look good, it's getting everything to work," said Adam Wheeler, a junior in multimedia design, and the Multimedia Design Association (MDA) president. "Just about everything that could go wrong, went wrong about seven times."

The show was on its feet just in time to open Monday, Jan. 26 at 6:00 p.m.

To obtain pieces for the show, MDA posted signs requesting student work for a competition/art show. It was open to any major, and submissions had to fit one of the four categories: web design, animation/video, CD application or digital illustration.

"I was entranced by the sexy poster design," said Dennis Evert, a senior in multimedia design and winner of the CD application category. "I knew it was going to be a unique show to our campus and figured it would be silly not to apply."

The other three winners are Jake Freeberg for web design, Steve Day for animation/video, Jared Chelf for digital illustration and Carl Schultze for best of show.

Winners were chosen by three judges, two of whom are professors in the art department, Michelle Barfoot and Chad Reichert. They assigned numbers to each entry in categories such as concept, technical and overall. The numbers were then totaled and averaged.

"There were a number of projects that stood out," said Barfoot. "I'm glad there were three judges to give the students a broad range of perspectives for evaluation."

The show itself has a broad range of media types. Some students used Macromedia Flash, some used Adobe programs like Illustrator and Photoshop, but all the files were placed into one main program for easy viewing in the gallery.

Navigation consists simply of clicking on the category at the bottom and then clicking on the name of the piece desired to view. A window pops up to show the artwork. The digital illustration pieces are hung on the wall, however, and provide an atmosphere for the viewer that doesn't cause them to feel like they're walking into a blank room with some computers.

Chelf's piece, Blue David, hangs between the two projectors and is the blue man. It was created in Adobe programs and has a sense of texture and line quality that is not easily seen from far away, but bring the piece to life. He is a junior majoring in multimedia design.

Winning the best of show title, Schultze provided his online portfolio Web site. The Web site itself is highly involved and well executed. In it he also includes images of other Web sites he has designed for personal clients and a company he worked for.

"In high school I was lucky enough to land a job at a design firm in Stillwater, Minn.," said Schultze, a sophomore in multimedia design. "I've always been interested in developing my skills in multimedia and taking every opportunity to do so."

Since it is the first multimedia show, participants encourage students to visit and see what the multimedia design major has to offer.

"Everyone should attend a student showing," said Chelf. "It is a great form of free entertainment."

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1	1	803 Wilson Av #4	$340	$340	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
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3	1	1310 Main St.	$630	$210	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
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4	1	1606 10th St.	$600	$150	$780	$195	House behind Lammers,w/d hook up	H
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$600	$150	$750	$188	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
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4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
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4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
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6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
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6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	
7	2	820 11th St.	$1820	$260	$2100	$300	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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MILES makes leaders

Lindsey Schuldt

Whether someone is a freshman who is looking for a way to get ahead in life or a senior near graduation looking for a way to get ahead in the job market, the Motivating Individual Leadership and Excellence at Stout (MILES) Leadership Conference is the perfect opportunity to discover the skills needed.

"The best thing about MILES is the chance to set yourself apart from other college students," said Ben Fromm, a senior majoring in general business administration and this year's MILES chairman.

"Every college graduate will tell you that he/she wants to be successful and find a great job," said Fromm. "The problem is that when somebody graduates they are not only competing against students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, but they are competing with graduates from schools like La Crosse, Minnesota, California, Harvard, and Princeton."

Students who plan to compete against those from larger schools are one group that may find MILES helpful. Others are those who just want to ensure they are able to find a job.

"In a tough job market a student needs to take as many opportunities as they can to set himself or herself apart from the majority," said Fromm. "MILES provides students an opportunity to do something extra that shows employers what kind of person he or she is."

MILES started 4 years ago as a small conference called STEPS that involved mostly those who wanted to learn to lead within the residence halls. It has now developed into a campus wide professional conference.

As the attendance of the conference doubled each year, the conference has gone from student presenters the first year, to professional speakers this year.

"Every year we evaluate the last conference and take MILES to the next level," said Carly Hach, a first year graduate student majoring in guidance and counseling. "Last year students suggested a more professional panel of workshop presenters, and we have responded with all accredited speakers including an Emmy Award-winning keynote speaker."

This year's conference includes a keynote speech by Dennis Stauffer entitled, "Navigating with Your Mind, Leading with Ideas." Stauffer will also be presenting a follow up break-through presentation after his keynote speech entitled, "Navigating Creative Change: The tools of an Innovative Leader."

Other topics include interpersonal relationships within the workplace, situational leadership and diversity within the work place.

"Exceptional and professional presenters are going to be both interesting and exciting," said Jenny Malecha, a junior majoring in general business and administration.

The conference will take place on Saturday, Feb. 21, beginning with a sign in between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. There will be one morning session, and lunch will be directly followed by the keynote presentation.

Following the keynote will be two more sessions and then a round table discussion featuring a panel of alumni. The conference is expected to end between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m.

"[This is] a unique opportunity for students to learn first-hand from professionals the intricate inner workings of leadership," said Dan Abbott, a junior in business administration.

The conference has a $20 registration fee that covers the cost of all the speakers and a professional lunch.

"A student who attends the conference can expect to receive a custom leather MILES binder for taking notes, lunch, a certificate of completion for their resume, a multitude of contacts between other same-minded students and also presenters, and the timeless knowledge that is being passed from working professionals to developing adults," said Fromm.

Registration is already in progress, and students and staff can register for the conference at the SOC desk in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center. Anyone can register until the week before the conference.

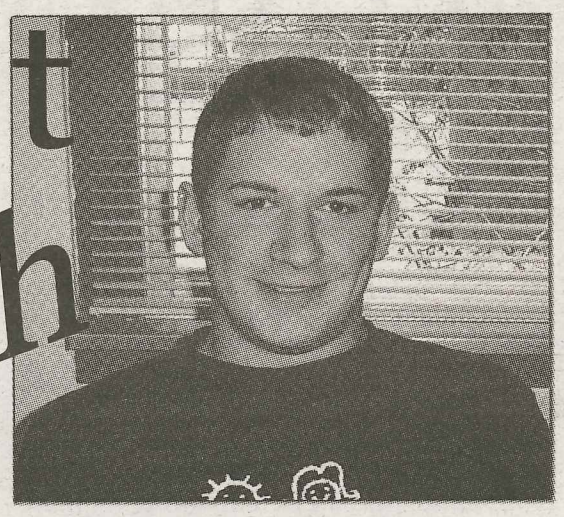
"MILES has been developed to provide a service to students from all different backgrounds and majors," said Fromm. "We promote MILES to anyone who attends Stout and is interested in learning about how to be successful during college as well as after graduation."

Stout Watch



Kimberly Kelley - 21
early childhood education
junior

Transfer Student Edition



Zach Foellmi - 21
hospitality and tourism
junior

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Transferred from: Viterbo

What is the first thing you noticed about UW-Stout?
The campus was easy to get to know.

One thing you want the campus to know about you?
I am easy to talk to.

What is your favorite quote?
"In the end we remember not the words of enemies but the silence of our friends."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

What is your favorite song/ song of the moment?
"In Your Hands" by Bebo Norman.

Describe yourself in one word: Caring.

What is the hardest thing you have ever had to do?
Bury my great-grandpa.

What is some advice for students at UW-Stout?
Don't lick a frozen pole.

What is the worst job you've ever had?
[Being a] waitress at the Grapevine Cafe.

Who is the most important person in your life?
My mom.

What is your most embarrassing moment?
I went the wrong way at graduation.

Hometown: Hillsboro, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single
Transferred from: WWTC in La Crosse

What is the first thing you noticed about UW-Stout?
The professors are really helpful.

One thing you want the campus to know about you?
I am outspoken because I think people should know the truth.

What is your favorite quote?
"It was by chance we met, it was by choice we became friends."
- Unknown

What is your favorite song/ song of the moment?
"Nine to Five" by Dolly Parton.

Describe yourself in one word: Honest.

What is the hardest thing you have ever had to do?
Move to Florida after high school to bartend.

What is some advice for students at UW-Stout?
Get involved in activities and/or clubs.

What is the worst job you've ever had?
A sawmill because it was repetitive, tedious work.

Who is the most important person in your life?
I'm a momma's boy.

Describe your ideal date:
Dinner and the theater.

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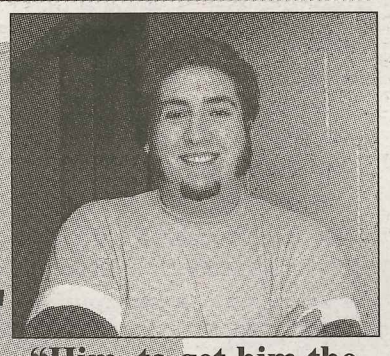
Campus Slant

President George W. Bush wants to go to Mars. Who would you send?



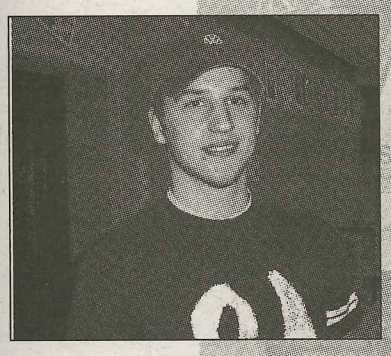
"Christina Aguilera because she's a dirty slut."

Kari Fencl
family consumer science education
senior



"Him, to get him the hell out of the White House."

Grant Martin
undecided
sophomore

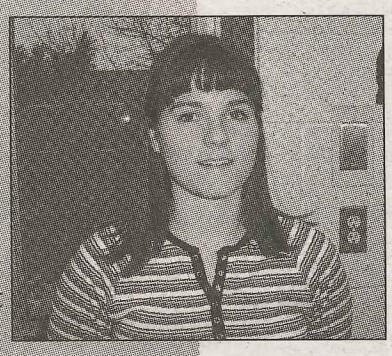


"The dance team. They keep playing that stupid 'Toxic' song."

Andy Smith
applied science
sophomore

"The pope because if there is a life form out there, he would have the world's best interests at heart."

Rachel Darby
human family development studies
senior



Next Week:

What is the most annoying thing your professor does?

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"The hunt is on, bringing warmth into hearts in the cold weather."



CHECK THIS OUT

Diana Minea

Hello, my name is Diana Minea, and I have an addiction. It takes up all my free time, cuts into my sleep and, at times, makes my homework a second priority.

It is all worth it though. For about a week and a half each winter, I live and breathe medallion hunt.

Those of you from Minnesota, and possibly some from Wisconsin, probably know what I am talking about: the St. Paul Pioneer Press Treasure Hunt.

It is a yearly scavenger hunt that has been running since 1952, in which clues are given out daily for two weeks or until the medallion has been found. The clues reveal the "puck's" location; as well as what it is hidden within.

$10,000 plus prizes are awarded to the person who finds the medallion, if they meet all the requirements.

I know I do! I proudly wear my button all around campus.

The money is enough to keep some people going year after year, but for the real fanatics, the hunt is so much more.

It is thrilling to know you are in the same place as the medallion. You can feel the excitement in everyone around you, and it urges you on to keep searching even in the bitter cold and snow.

Look for me in the paper because I *know* this is my year!

Another thing the medallion brings to those who hunt for it is a sense of community.

There are numerous Web sites that people post their ideas on, sharing their knowledge and their crazy intuitions.

Some groups meet up to search together, there are parties before and after the hunt each year, and the online message boards are, overall, very friendly.

Medallion hunters may be on the strange side for the weeks of the hunt, but many of them have proven to have genuine hearts of gold.

We can find friends where we least expect them: while in competition with them.

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The 411

Jan. 29 to Feb. 5

Thursday, Jan. 29
>Open Mic, 8 p.m.,Acoustic Cafe
>Video of Dennis Kucinich,Democratic candidate, 7 p.m., Student Center Ballroom A

Friday, Jan. 30
>Hockey vs. Scholastica, 7:30 p.m.



>Candle lit ski, 6-9 p.m., Red Cedar State Trail

Saturday, Jan. 31
>Calligraphy I class, 1:30-4p.m., School of Arts, ages 12 & up, $40 for two classes
>You've Gotta have Heart, women's conference, 7:45 a.m.-12 p.m., Memorial Student center,
>Men and Women's track, 12 p.m., Fieldhouse

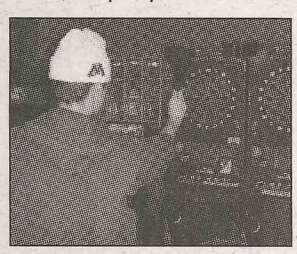
Sunday, Feb. 1
No events scheduled

Monday, Feb. 2
>Movie monday, 10 p.m., Fieldhouse climbing wall

Tuesday, Feb. 3
No events scheduled

Wednesday, Feb. 4
>Step Africa, 8 p.m., Great hall, free admission
>Campus Alcohol Anonymous meeting, 12 p.m., Badger room, Student Center

Thursday, Feb. 5
>Head of Femur, 8 p.m., Rec Center, free admission
>Full moon cross country skiing, 9 p.m., Red Cedar Trailhead, $5 for skies, $3 for trail pass
>Singles 9-ball billiards, 5 p.m., Rec Center, $5 per person
>Singles Darts, 6 p.m., Rec Center, $5 per person



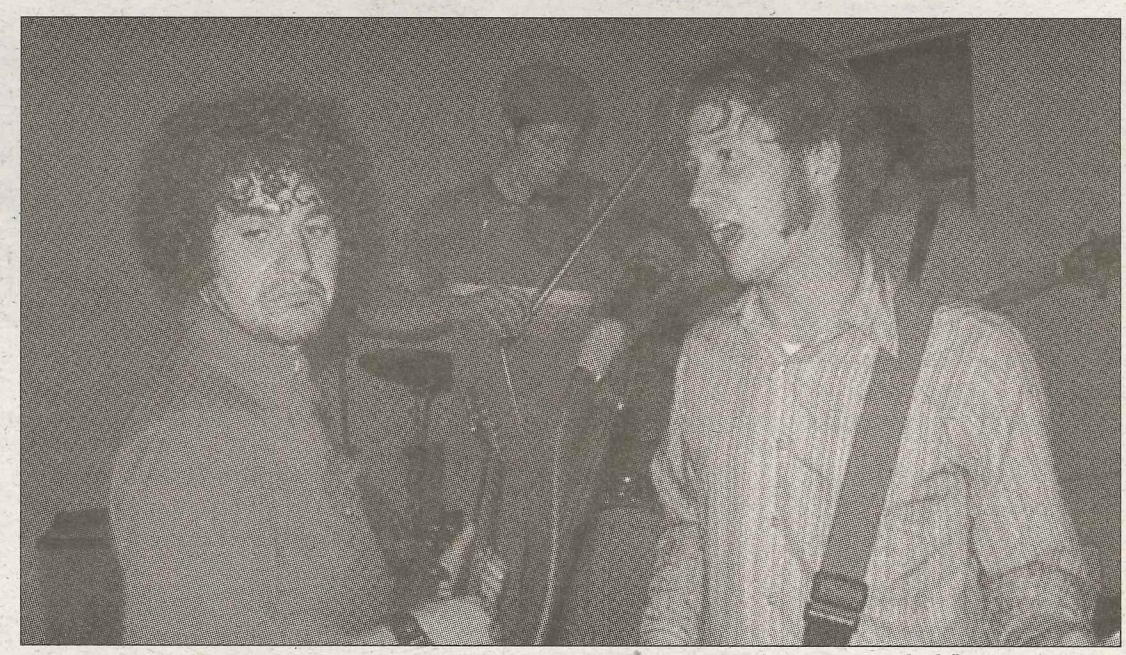
Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Indie octet heads to campus



FAR FROM
Eric Iverson



www.headoffemur.com, The Stoutonia

Head of Femur, an indie rock band, consists of not only of the traditional instruments, but includes the violin, tambourines and gong. The variety allows the band to experiment with different sounds.

Blue Devil Productions is keeping you off the couch next Thursday for a rock-your-socks-off performance from the band Head of Femur. The group is playing at 8:00 p.m. the Recreation Center.

The Chicago-based band is returning to the University of Wisconsin-Stout because of the energetic and entertaining show it put on last time. If you missed the last show, now is the chance to redeem yourself. What's that? You don't want to pay money for a band you've never heard of? That's ok, because it's free. While you're listening to the music, you can bowl and play pool for free as well because it's Thursday Night Out.

The indie rock octet has a fresh and unique sound, which can only be compared to a handful of bands.

"I saw Head of Femur when they were here last time," said Doug Stevens, an undecided sophomore. "I didn't know what to expect when everyone stepped on stage with all those instruments. They exploded with an energetic and amazing sound, and I didn't want to see them stop playing."

Indie rock is short for independent rock. It's a philosophy of sounding different from mainstream music. Indie rock can include hip-hop, electronica, folk, alt-country, jazz and blues.

Some bands that Head of Femur draws sounds from are Brian Eno, Roxy Music, The Beach Boys, The Zombies, Talking Heads, Dexy's Midnight Runners, The Flaming Lips, The Beatles, The Kinks, Elton John, Elvis Costello, The Band, Love, Pere Ubu, Roy Orbison and The Cars.

Head of Femur mixes many genres of music along with many different instruments to create a mini-orchestra capable of many different sounds and rhythms.

"Head of Femur is one of the most refreshing and talented bands I've seen in a long time," said Kelly Ehley, a junior in technical communication. "All of the band members combine to produce an indescribable style that is giving a new meaning to rock and roll."

Members include front men Matt Focht and Mike Elsener on guitar and vocals; Ben Armstrong on keyboard, drums and vocals; Johnathon Crawford on drums and keyboard; Jonathon Hischke on bass and sounds; Tiffany Kowalski on violin, vocals, tambourine and gong; Charlie Vinz on violin, vocals, tambourine and gong; and Nate Walcott on trumpet.

"Not only were there a ton of musicians and instruments, but they kept switching," said Stevens. "I thought that was pretty rad."

The band was formed in 2001 when Nebraska natives Matt Focht, Mike Elsener and Ben Armstrong started composing songs and recruiting non-traditional rock instruments such as strings and orchestral percussion to fulfill its unique sound. The response was strong in Chicago in 2002, so the band decided to record an album with Portland's Grey Day Productions.

If you're still reading, you may be wondering where the name Head of Femur comes from. Unlike some bands who thought its name, Head of Femur, was a "cool name," actually does have an explanation. The name originates when Elvis Presley appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. The cameramen were told that they could only film Elvis above the top (head) of the femur bone, a location the band says is the point where rock and roll becomes sex.

The band is on tour playing songs from their first album entitled, "Ringodom or Protector," released in August of 2003.

Rec Center Renovation

Janelle Klander

Students attending Thursday Night Out got an extra treat to hear acoustic performances by Haley Bonar and Charlie Parr hosted by Blue Devil Productions (BDP). The Recreation Center has become their new concert venue. Concerts are usually held in Huff's but BDP decided a change was needed.

"It's closer to the pawn and there is more traffic," said Nicole Dzimiela, a senior in graphic design. "We want to make a more comfortable place to sit and relax."

Dzimiela is also the Blue Devil Production's Human Resource office manager in her spare time.

The location change doubled the listening crowd combining Thursday Night Out with live music. Students bowling and playing pool took pleasure in the music of Parr and Bonar.

"It's nice to have people in the background doing activities," Krista Werner, a technical communication senior said.

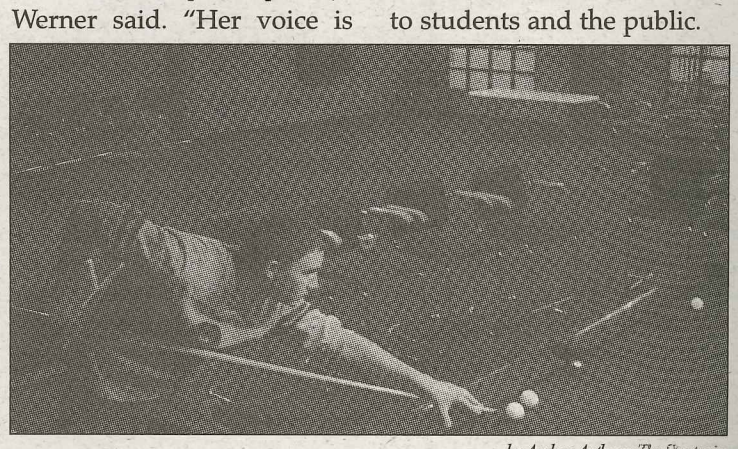
Leslie Barkin, a hotel, restaurant and tourism management senior enjoyed the music with friends from a nearby pool table.

"Here you get a more diverse crowd," Barkin said. "I dig it."

Parr opened with folk music, while Bonar's music was comparable to Jewel.

"I like her [Bonar] a lot," Werner said. "Her voice is very innocent and I think that's fun."

If you missed last Thursday, make sure to check out Head of Femur playing in the Rec Center, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. The Chicago octet, comparative to a modern mini-orchestra, is said to be a high energy indie-art rock show. Admission is free to students and the public.



by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

Jim Gerold, a sophomore in construction, enjoys a game of pool in the newly remodeled Rec Center, the new venue for BPD hosted concerts.

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Kutcher's drama debut leaves no effect

Kyle Kingsington

For many actors, typecasting is a very real danger. It essentially means a limited time of great success in only one role, with the understanding that as soon as the public gets sick of you, you never work again.

Ashton Kutcher has come to the realization that the moronic bungler he's used to playing on "That 70s Show "won't carry him forever.

The resulting film is "The Butterfly Effect," a dark crossing of "Back to the Future" with Hitchcock, lacking the originality and charm of the first and the skilled direction and writing of the second.

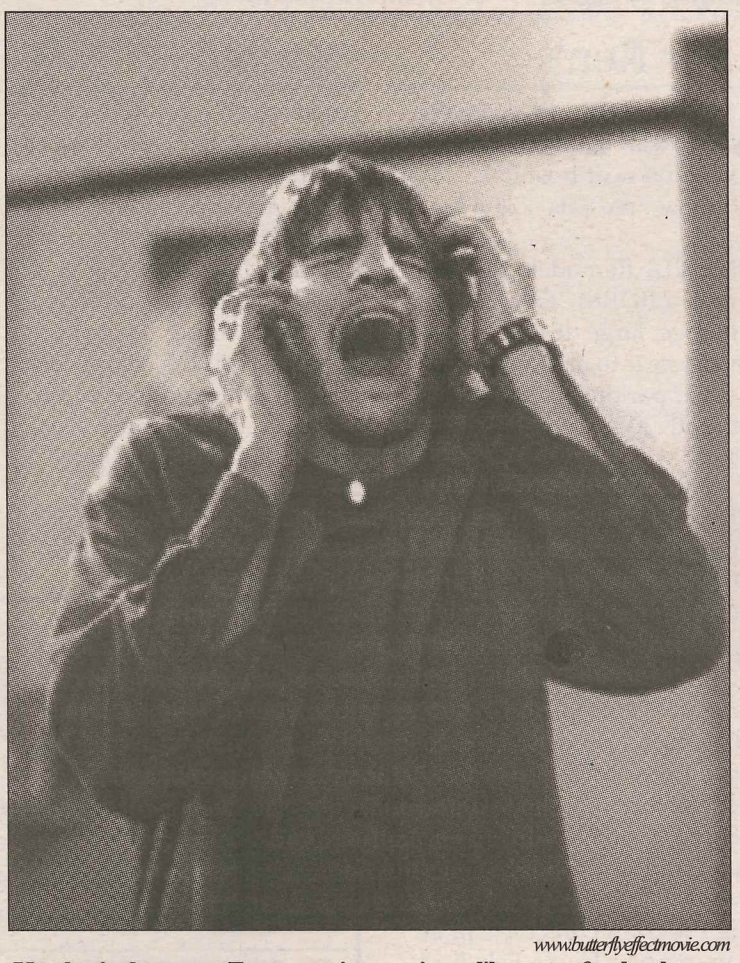
In it, Kutcher plays against type as a tormented genius that tampers with the past to correct the traumas of his childhood, each time unleashing an alternate universe worse than the one with which he started.

Oddly enough, he's not really that bad in the role. There's a certain straightforward realism to his performance that deserves credit, but only to a point.

If you pay any attention to Kutcher's eyes, there's nothing going on there. I could never shake the feeling that I was only watching someone reciting lines he's memorized from a script. Nothing original, nothing new. It's not that he's terrible; he's unremarkable.

For instance, Kutcher never does anything with the several different versions of himself he's supposed to play. Every character surrounding Kutcher is changed drastically each time he manipulates the space-time continuum, but Kutcher stays essentially the same no matter the circumstances.

He may wake up without any arms, as a frat boy, or in prison, but his personality remains intact, complete with the memories of the other universes he's visited.



www.butterflyeffectmovie.com

Kutcher's character, Evan, goes into a seizure-like state after he changes his future. When he wakes up his nose is bleeding and his life is changed.

The Butterfly takes so many trips back and forth through time that eventually I couldn't help but feel I was getting jerked around. The vehicle for time travel isn't very well thought out.

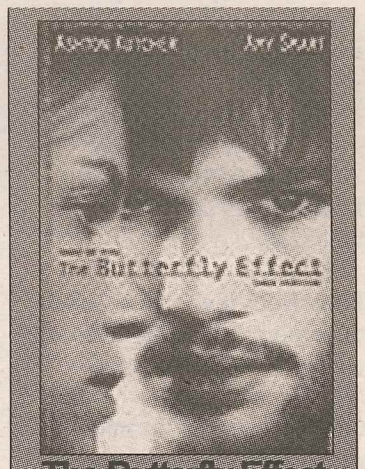
If Kutcher concentrates hard enough on a journal entry or a home movie, he's transported to that point in his life. Something about heredity is hinted at, but that's the only answer given.

The implications of what Kutcher is doing are explored but not very deeply. Sure enough, the cliché of "playing God" is used, and Kutcher complains that every time he tries to help someone, it goes horribly wrong.

Does this make Kutcher give up "playing God," though? Of course not. He continues his time traveling until either everything is fixed, or he accidentally causes the world to explode. His final alteration of time is supposed to come off as a sacrifice, but doesn't really.

What saves this movie is its supporting cast. Amy Smart is competent as the love interest, and William Lee Scott and Elden Henson shine as characters that go through every extreme of good and bad as a result of Kutcher's time manipulations.

It is the child and adolescent actors that play Kutcher and his friends at those ages who deserve any credit this film gets: they're much more believable than any other element of the movie, and their scenes are the only ones that resonate emotionally. In the final analysis, they are what earn this movie its generous score of two out of five.



The Butterfly Effect

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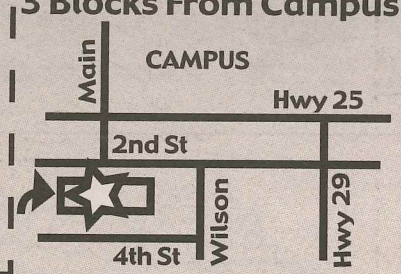
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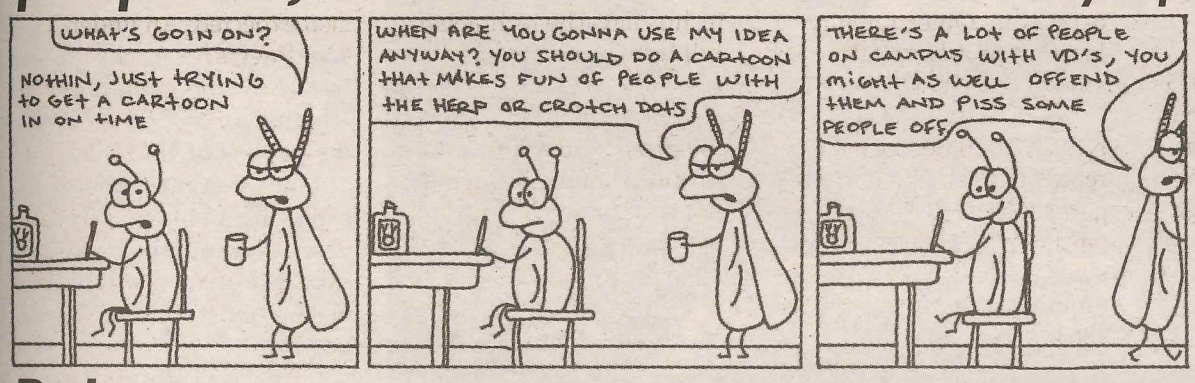
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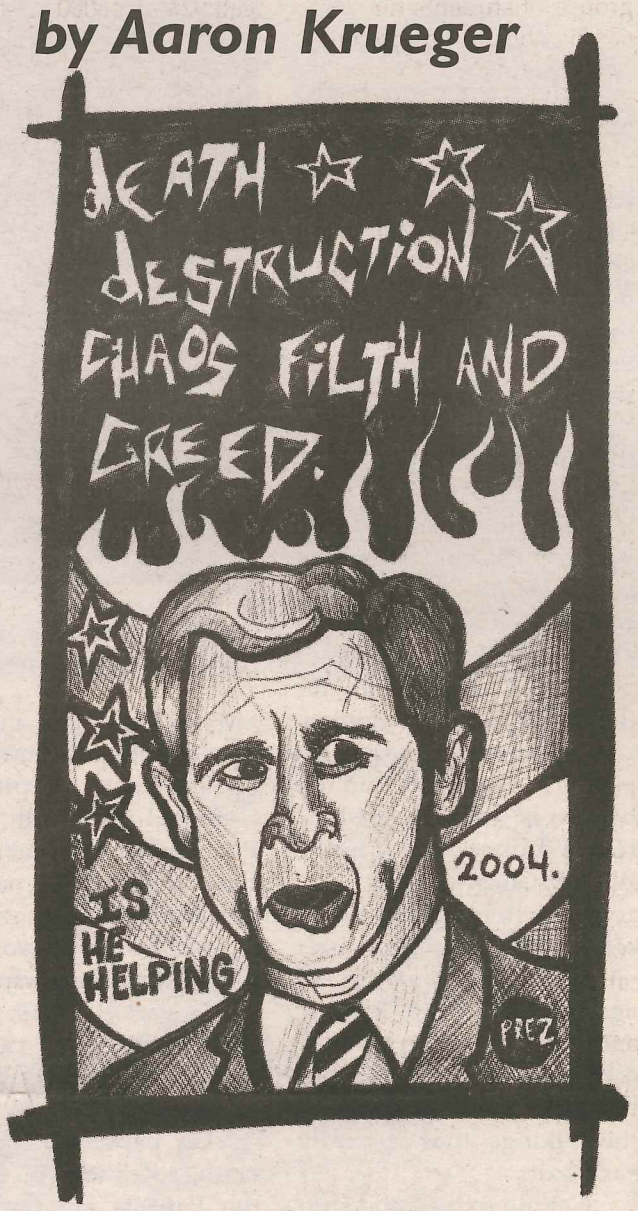
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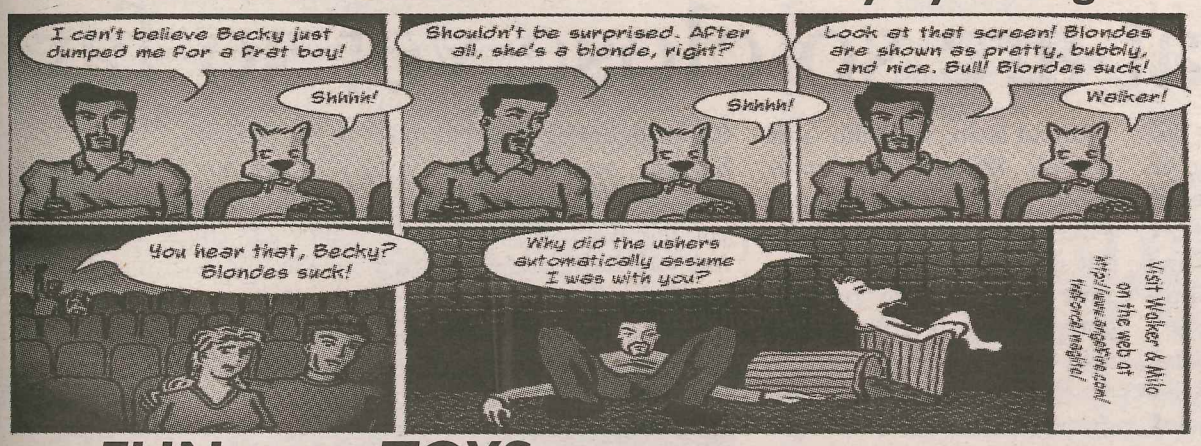
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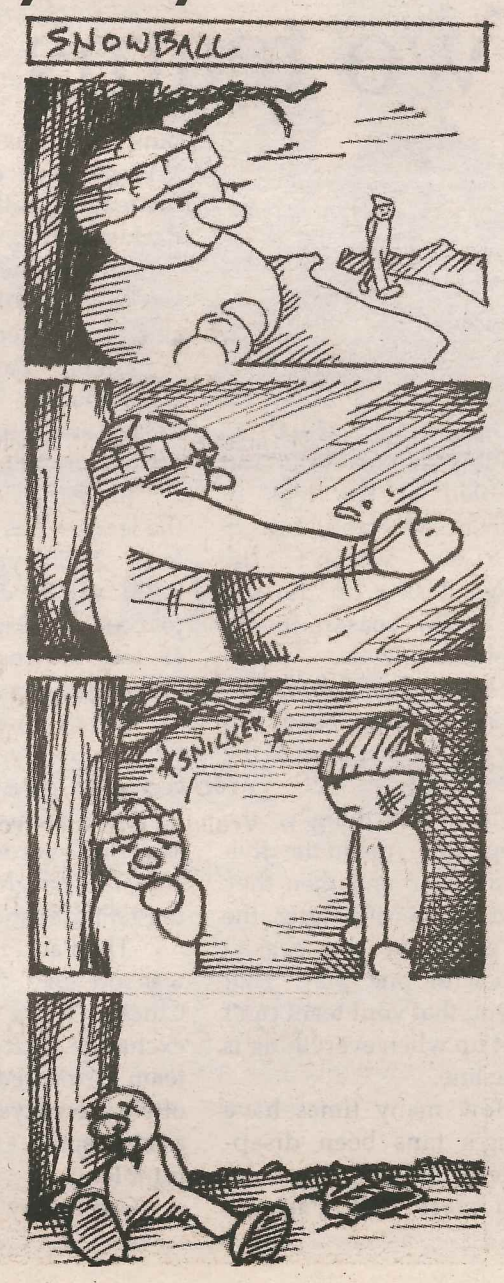
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Life and Adventures

by Andy Christensen



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Football, commercials, upsets



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

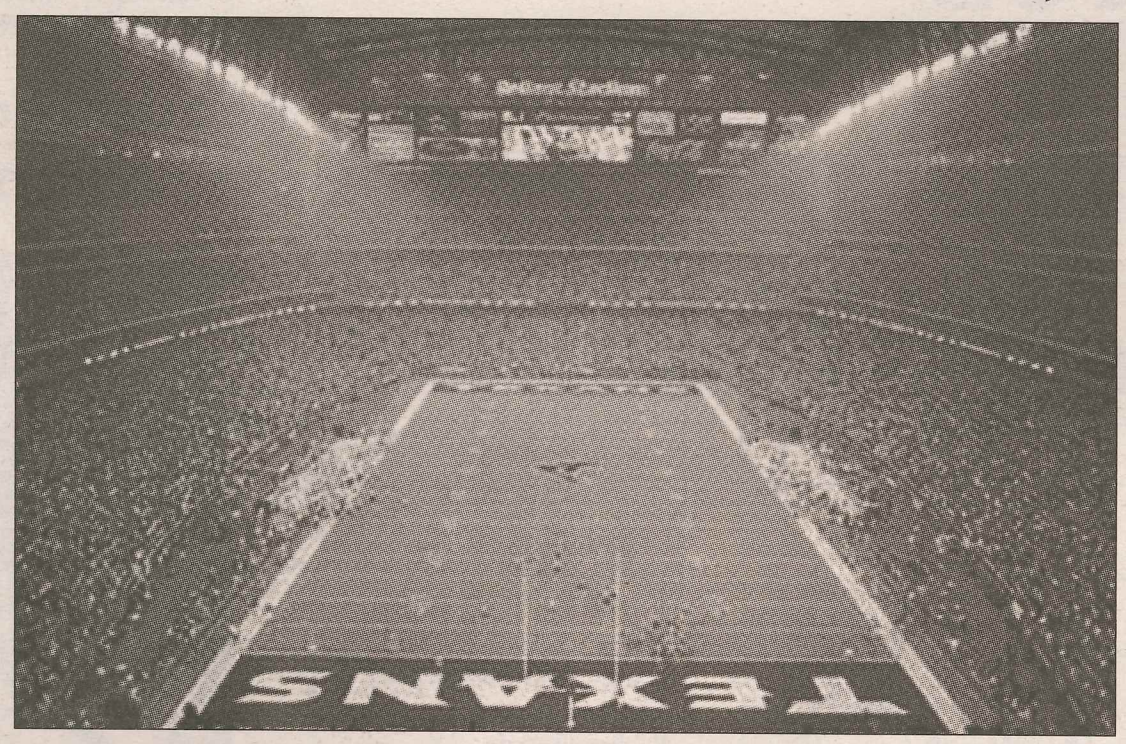


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The Super Bowl is in Houston, Texas and is by far the most popular watched sporting event among Americans. Over the past five years, it has been hard to predict who will win the game.

Back in August, I was in Las Vegas, and I thought I should probably bet a ten spot on one of the underdog teams to win the Super Bowl. One of the very few teams I could have picked was the Carolina Panthers.

I cannot put into words the amount of "Man, I'm an idiot" that I am feeling.

Panthers and New England Patriots. Super and bowl. Didn't see that one coming, did you? Once again, a team that just wasn't good last year is playing for the title of World Champion.

How does this keep happening? And why can't it happen in the NBA or MLB? Hell, I'd like to see it in the WNBA. Go Lynx.

Here in our little corner of the world there really isn't one team to root for or against, since the Packers and the Vikings both took early exits from the race for the trophy. Well, actually, the Vikings took a really early exit.

Getting to the good stuff now. Who will *The Stoutonia* pick to win the big game? Well, I speak for only a select few at the paper, but look who's writing the article.

This year I pick the team that starts with a P. A P-a. A P-a-n. That's right. I'm taking the underdog Panthers.

At this point, you have to be wondering what kind of six-pack I drank before writing this, but I can honestly say that I think the better team will lose.

On paper, on the field, on the sidelines, you name it the Patriots are the better team. The team has a winning streak that started around the time we were wearing our shorts and T-shirts outside.

But that doesn't matter now. This is the Super Bowl. Two years ago, the Patriots were supposed to be the Rams chew toy of an opponent, but New England held its own and came through in the clutch. 2002 was New England's year. In fact, the underdog has come through in the last two Super Bowls.

This time the role of Tom Brady will be played by Jake Delhomme, while the role of Bill Belichick will be played by John Fox. That's right folks, CBS Sports is proud to present the greatest moment, so far, of 2004.

The moment is Super Bowl XXXVIII, and all the wonderful commercials you actually care about.

For me, the Super Bowl is the only time I actually don't surf for something else during a commerical.

Alright, so it's the Panther's year to make some history. That's my assumption. What do I see happening to allow this major upset to take place?

I predict the Panthers will run the ball quite well, and the defensive line of the Panthers will own the Patriots O-line the way Donald Trump owns New York. However, the major test for the Panthers is whether or not it can stop the passing of Tom Brady.

Now don't think I'm expecting a blowout like last year. Not at all. I would expect this game will be one of the most boring Super Bowls ever.

This is a colossal face off between two amazing defenses, and it will probably lead to a lame final score of 9-6 or 17-10. But remember, we're really only watching for the commercials anyway.

For those of you who don't crave football, there are usually enough taco dip and cocktail weenies to feed a small country. Be sure to stock up on whatever free goodies you can find.

Oh, and don't forget the halftime show's megastar line-up of wash-ups such as Janet Jackson and Kid Rock, mixed in with P. Diddy (or whatever he calls himself nowadays) and Nelly.

Finally, in the event that this game does become a blowout, just cheer yourself up by remembering that in America more people watch the Super Bowl than vote for the president.

Two teams that are so close yet so far



SPORTSTALK
Ryan Wessley

Green Bay lost to Philadelphia this year and crumbled at the legs of Donovan McNabb, but at least we weren't the Vikings, losing on the last play of the season to the Arizona Cardinals.

I know the Packers lost to Arizona this year, but come on, the last play of the year?

The funny thing is, the Vikings were first in the division all year, and then they ended up second after the last game of the season because of one play. That tells you that your team can't step it up when everything is on the line.

How many times have Viking's fans been disappointed? They've been let down more than Packer's fans will ever be. The Vikings have only been in the league half the time the Packers have.

Bring on next season and see how the Vikings, or possibly the Packers, may fold.

Green Bay Offensive Coordinator Tom Rossley fielded one of the best overall offenses in NFL history.

In fact, no other team in the league has rushed for at least 2,500 yards, passed 3,300 yards, completed 65 percent of passes, rushed for 18 touchdowns and passed 32 touchdowns.

What's more, only two NFL teams over the last 20 seasons have combined 2,558 yards rushing with at least 3,377 yards passing: the 2001 Pittsburgh Steelers and the 1988 Cincinnati Bengals.

The Packers last fumble was on Dec. 7, a win vs. Chicago on a Favre-Green exchange. After that, the team executed its last 343 offensive plays - including postseason - without a fumble.

Green Bay closed 2003 without losing a fumble over its last 405 offensive snaps (since Nov. 27 at Detroit). Ahman Green did not fumble during his last 246 offensive touches (225 rushing attempts, 20 receptions and one fumble recovery).

The Packers lost two fumbles over its last nine games; both were on Thanksgiving.

Including the playoffs, Green Bay went 8-1 in games without a fumble and 3-6 when fumbling.

Only one other NFL team, Kansas City, had 42 touchdowns, 54 possessions and posted a better red-zone percentage than Tom Rossley's Green Bay unit, which went 34-62.

Green Bay closed the regular season allowing just three touchdowns in opponents' last 18 red-zone possessions.

The Packers ranked second in the NFC in red-zone defense, behind Tampa Bay.

Unfortunately, the season did not end the way it should have. After starting 6-0, fans definitely thought the Vikings would make the playoffs. The lesson shows you that it is not always how fast you start. It is also how you finish the season.

As a team, the Vikings failed to finish strong. That is why they were knocked out of the playoffs.

With the Vikings watching the Super Bowl from their sofa, there isn't much else to say other than there's always next season and another crazy year with Randy Moss a.k.a. the superfreak.

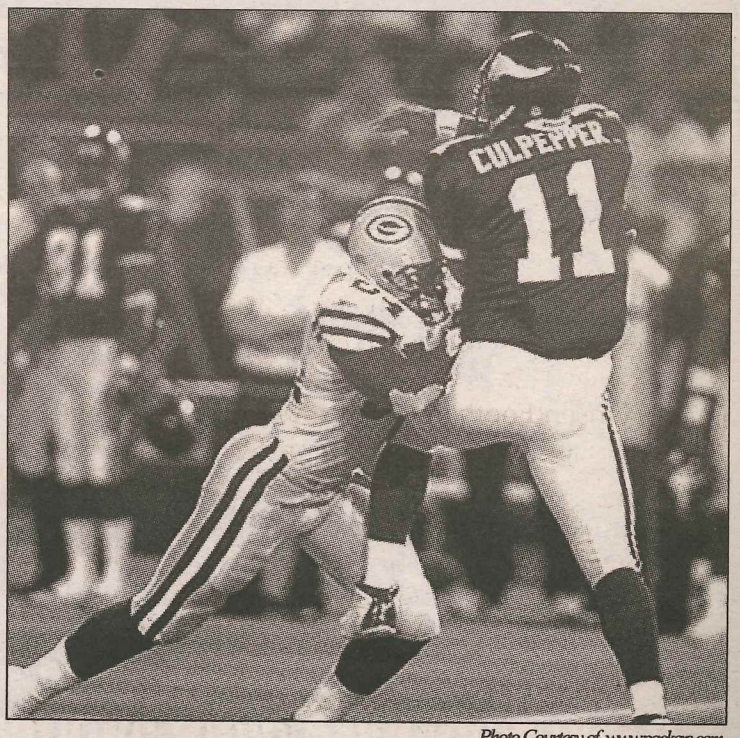


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Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila gives Daunte Culpepper a shove in a matchup earlier in the season. Both teams had a dissapponting end to their season.

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Stout Adventures / skiing and exploring

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like skiing could explore or stay snug in the cabin. Participants held intense Mancala tournaments and challenged their wit with multiple games of Assassins.

Zana Saxman, a University of Wisconsin-Stout alumna, enjoyed tracking animals in the backwoods. She encountered snowshoe hare, mice, squirrels and fox.

"When you can only see animal tracks, you know you're the first human to see that area for months," said Z. Saxman.

Both of the Saxmans and other participants intend on skiing the American Birkebeiner, a 51-kilometer cross-country race from Cable, Wis. to Hayward, Wis. on February 21.

Though the trip focused on classic skiing and most will be skate skiing in the Birkie, the trip offered many opportunities for prolonged hours of exercise.

"I've been skiing since I was 13," said Z. Saxman. "It's my secret for looking forward to and staying active in winter."



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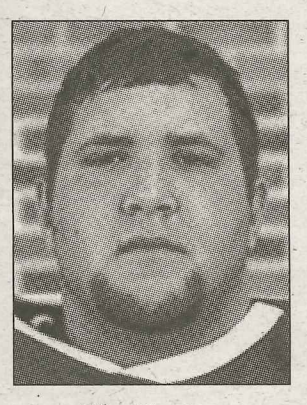
Stout Adventures journied to Wyoming over the winter break. The group got a chance to ski and explore the Snowy Range Mountains and even learned how to take hobo showers.

In addition to her love of skiing, Z. Saxman had another reason to participate in the trip. On January 3, she and Bruce were married in front of the fire place at the Telemark Inn in Cable, the ending point of the Birkie.

The couple completed their honeymoon and returned home two days before Bruce was scheduled to leave for Wyoming.

"I didn't want Bruce to disappear the weekend after our wedding," she explained.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Ben Knepper

The Facts:
Football
senior
Rice Lake, Wis.
business

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with *The Stoutonia* Athlete of the Week.

Ben Knepper has been named to the Associated Press' Little All-American team. The University of Wisconsin-Stout offensive tackle has been a key in the trenches for the Blue Devils.

Knepper, at 6-foot, 4-inches, 305-pounds, recently participated in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA)-sponsored Aztec Bowl all-star game. He has also been named to the Don Hansen Football Gazette West Region team.

It is the fifth time Knepper has been named to an All-American team. He is believed to be the first UW-Stout player to be named first team to five different All-American teams in the same season.

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A victory at the buzzer



DOUBLE OVERTIME
Wesley Simonis

For those who attended the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball game last Saturday, one couldn't have asked for a better game.

I have attended many of the men's basketball games in my two years at UW-Stout, but something about the rivalry between UW-Stout and the Universtiy of Wisconsin-Eau Claire provides the right mixture for an intensity that a fan can rarely feel attending a game at the collegiate level.

A very large and highly emotional crowd filled Johnson Fieldhouse. Both teams had a massive turnout and the attendance peaked over 2,000 people. I even heard words being exchanged between fans as people went to their seats. Others just glared across the court at the visiting section, which was a sea of blue and gold.

At tip off the crowd was in a frenzy. For the first five minutes it seemed as if every point scored was a boost to team morale. It may have even taken the players a minute or two to settle down and get into their game mode.

UW-Stout took the lead early on; and at one point going on a 12-0 run. The teams full court press dominated the Blugolds and caused the team to tire. The Blue Devils refused to give even an inch of the court up during the majority of the first half.

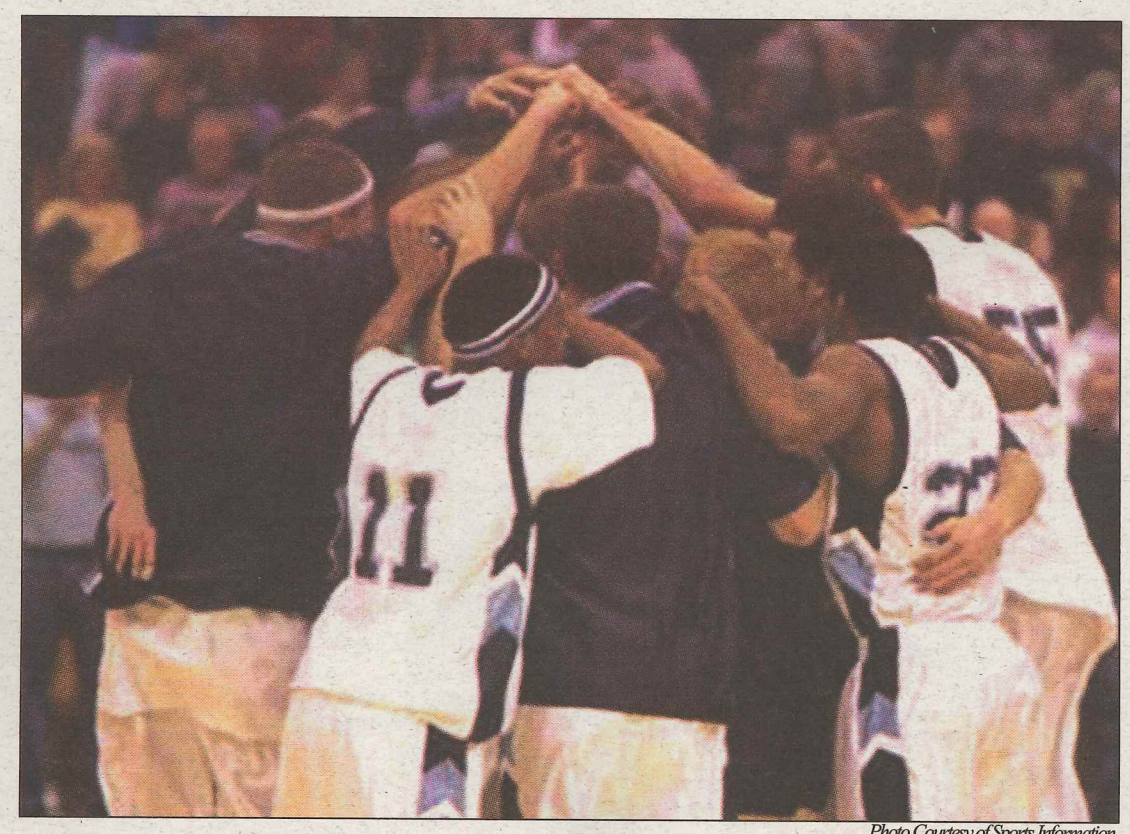


Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

The Blue Devil baskeball team celebrated after Jeff Vandenberghe made the game-winning basket with less than a second remaining in the game.

As the game pressed onward, UW-Eau Claire began to rally. It was a here-a-basket, there-a-basket kind of comeback. The Blue Devils shots stopped falling, and the Blugolds pulled in the rebounds. As the half came to a close, UW-Eau Claire had closed the game to only a one-point deficit.

The second half was nothing but excitement. The Blugolds took the lead but couldn't distance itself. It was a constant battle of lead changes and ties.

As the time dwindled, both teams began to feel the sense of urgency set in.

With 14 seconds left in the game, the Blue Devils held a two point lead. The crowd was on its feet and the tension was thick.

As the Blugolds held on by a thread, its only prayer was a quick basket.

The prayer was answered as a full-court Blugold pass took two hops and was layed in by Jesse Breidenbach. The UW-Eau Claire crowd exploded with happiness as the game was now tied.

During the insuing Blue Devil time out, I managed to get a chance to look at the faces in the crowd around me. Many people had their eyes fixated on the clock. Others had a blank expression on their face with their hand pasted to their head.

And at last, it was the moment of truth. Six seconds on the clock, Blue Devil ball and a tie game. Destiny was in the hands of the UW-Stout players.

The inbound pass was to Isaac Reece. He worked the perimeter as the seconds ticked away. Then he made a small drive and pulled up for about a 12-foot-jump shot, which appeared to be tipped, and was going to fall short.

As the deflected ball fell helplessy to the ground it seemed like an eternity. I quickly glanced at the clock and saw the last second beginnng to tick off. Then the play was made.

It happened as fast at it started. Before the ball ever had a chance to touch the court, Jeff Vandenberghe appeared out of nowhere and tipped the ball in; the ball was still in the net as the buzzer went off. It was a Blue Devil win, 59-57.

Instant pandimonium occured in the Johnson Field house that day. The fans, players and media fled the court like the bleachers were on fire. I just stood there in shock as if I had witnessed a miracle.

BLUE DEVIL Scoreboard

Men's Basketball
UW-Stout vs. UW-Eau Claire 59-57
Next Game: Saturday, Jan. 31 at UW-StevensPoint

Women's Basketball
UW-Stout vs. UW-Eau Claire 62-51
Next Game: Saturday, Jan. 31 at UW-Platteville

Gymnastics
UW-Stout at UW-Eau Claire Invitational 5th Place
Next Game: Friday, Jan. 30 at UW-Whitewater

Hockey
UW-Stout vs. UW-Superior 1-0
Next Game: Friday, Jan. 30 at St. Scholastica



Over mountains, through snow

Becky Hartung

Some took Winterm classes; others worked to earn extra money for the semester; a select few played hard in the snow. Over break, Stout Adventures led a back-country ski trip through the Snowy Range Mountains near Laramie, Wyo.

Bruce Saxman, Stout Adventures coordinator, three students and three alumni made the 16-hour drive to Wyoming to enjoy the pristine classic cross-country skiing conditions and rustic cabin life. The cabin, cozy but lacking refinement, offered a bunk room for sleeping, propane powered kitchen appliances, a sink and no running water.

"We took hobo showers in the snow," said Saxman. "I got down to my boxers and poured the water all over my body; it evaporates really fast when it's 20 degrees."

During the day, the group participated in rigorous ski excursions. Some skied for eight hours a day.

"We didn't have to follow a trail; it was us, the map and a compass," said Saxman. "It's more fun to downhill in the back country instead of fast, trail snow."

The snow on groomed trails is compressed and may be referred to as fast snow. In the backwoods, where groomed trails didn't exist, the skiers encountered light, powdery snow.

"There were a lot of steep downhills," said Jeff Keenan, a freshman majoring in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "The powdery snow protected us when we fell; it sort of lifted our spirits."

Keenan also noted that unlike many Stout Adventures trips, every participant was an experienced skier. Fewer restrictions gave the group more freedom outside.

Those who didn't feel

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Winter Carnival makes brilliant return



by Diana Minea, The Stoutonia

Making its big debut after an 11-year break, the Winter Carnival Ice Palace has made its way into the middle of St. Paul, Minn. Located next to the Xcel Energy Center on the corner of West Seventh and Fifth streets, the palace features many forms of entertainment within its walls. For $5, those who attend can go ice skating, walk under the palace arches, stick warm pennies into the icy walls, sit on one of the many ice thrones and view the laser show up close, rather than from outside the walls. The Ice Palace remains open through Sunday, Feb. 8.

Voter registration in full swing

Wisconsin primary slated for Feb. 17

Joel Shaw

Students can participate in the upcoming Wisconsin non-partisan primary, to be held on Feb. 17, if they are 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and are registered to vote.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires any person registering to vote to produce a Wisconsin driver's license, identification card or last four digits of their social security number.

Graphic communications management senior Ken Fournier did not hesitate when asked if he was registered to vote. He recalled that he was automatically registered to vote at age 18 when he registered for selective service in Eau Claire, Wis.

Not all Wisconsin municipalities require registration, however, Menomonie does. If students intend to register in their hometown, they should call the county clerk in their municipality for further information.

City of Menomonie Clerk, Jo Ann Kadinger, said this is the first time that the non-partisan presidential primary is being held in February, apart from the April state and local election. She said the number of requests for voter

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Eleven professors granted research time

Tim Krueger

The University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents recently approved sabbaticals for 11 University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty for the 2004-05 academic year.

To apply for a sabbatical, professors must have been in residence at UW-Stout for six or more years and have not taken a sabbatical within those six years. They must also promise to return to UW-Stout for at least one year following the leave.

Sabbaticals are granted in either single semester or full year lengths and the purpose is to recognize and enhance teaching efforts and excellence for the students of UW-Stout.

First semester sabbaticals were granted to Brian Bergquist, hospitality and tourism; Rita Christoffersen, technology; Janette Hare, human development and family studies; Howard Lee, School of Education; Howard Parkhurst, School of Education; Don Olsen, technology; and Robert Schuler, English and philosophy.

Second semester sabbaticals were granted to Danny Bee, technology; and Amy Gillett, School of Education.

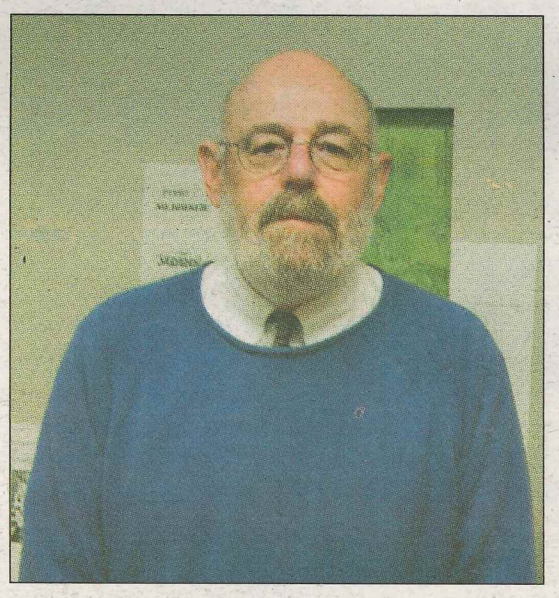
Full year sabbaticals were granted to Jafar Jafari, hospitality and tourism; and Richard Tafalla, psychology.

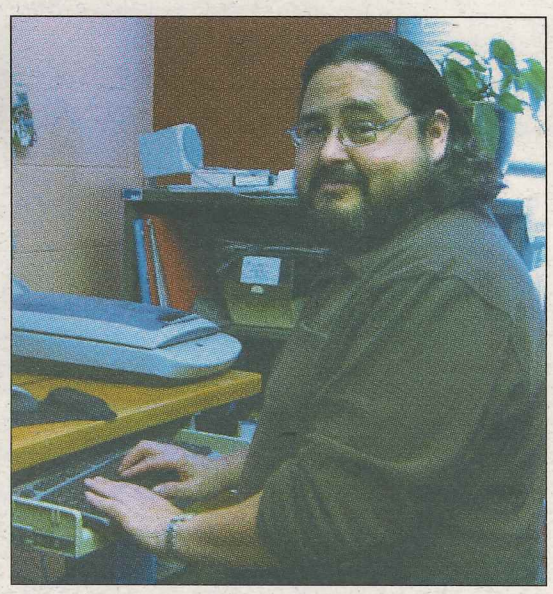
"A sabbatical is not a vacation," said Richard Tafalla, psychology.

Tafalla has applied for a Fulbright scholarship to attend the National University of Galway, in Galway, Ireland. He hopes to conduct research and teach graduate level classes there if the scholarship is awarded to him. He will find out if it was granted as early as March, or as late as June.

Stress physiology is one of Tafalla's professional interests. He plans to research and learn about laboratory measures of stress, such as heart rate and blood pressure, in a post-doctoral laboratory if he does not go to Ireland. Tafalla is the program director for both the bachelor's psychology and master's applied psychology degrees.

Ed Biggerstaff will be taking over as program director for the bachelor's degree in the fall, and Louis Milanesi will be standing in for Tafalla as the master's program director during his leave.





by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Professors Robert Schuler, English and philosophy, and Richard Tafalla, psychology, are two of 11 professors who have been granted sabbaticals during the 2004-05 academic year.

In order to be granted a sabbatical, the professor must have it approved by the department chair, followed by the Leave Committee, then the chancellor and finally the Board of Regents.

According to the Board of Regents, a sabbatical is established to enable instructional faculty to engage in intensive study so that they can become more effective teachers and scholars and enhance their service to the university.

"A sabbatical is a chance to practice free thought," Schuler said.

Schuler, an instructor of Fiction into Film, has developed a list of 30 novels that have been made into films and plans to research them all thoroughly to improve the course.

"I want to develop more than one version of Fiction into Film," Schuler said.

Schuler also plans to integrate film into the English 101 and English 102 curriculum, to teach students the elements of film.

"I want to teach these kids how to see film," Schuler said.

By having students use film for more than entertainment, he hopes to teach students about the facets of film that are not always apparent.

In addition to this research, Schuler has collected over 500 of his own poems that he plans to organize into four different books for publication.

NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday: High 26° Low 10° Snow Showers
Saturday: High 19° Low 3° Partly Cloudy
Sunday: High 24° Low 13° Partly Cloudy

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information was at normal [low] level.

An Application for Voter Registration (EB131) is available via the How to Register to Vote link on the Wisconsin State Elections Board (WSEB) homepage, http://elections.state.wi.us.

When registering for the first time whether by mail or in person – and before voting at the polling place – the voter must provide approved forms of identification and residence.

Proving residency is a matter of bringing along a utility bill, lease, paycheck, bank statement or government document showing the name and address of the person registering. StoutOne cards can be used as identification if and only if the student's Menomonie address appears in the student directory.

There are three voter registration options.

1. Residents may register by mail up to the 13th day before elections; this deadline has passed.

2. Residents may register in person until 5 p.m. the day before the election. Go to your local municipal clerk's office and fill out the necessary form.

3. Residents may register at the polling place on Election Day.

There are 11 wards in the City of Menomonie.

Students living in Fleming, Hovlid, JTC or Wigen Halls are in Ward 3 and vote at the Dunn County Government Center, located five blocks east of campus at 800 Wilson Ave.

Students living in AF, CKTO, HKMC, North or South Halls are in Ward 7 and vote at the Commons. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If proof of residence is not available, another registered voter who is willing to vouch for the individual, as being a resident, may sign the registration form. This person must be able to provide the necessary proof of residence.

State primaries get interesting

Joel Shaw

John Kerry continued to bruise the egos of his fellow democrats Tuesday by delivering winning blows in five of the seven rounds, pounding his competition in Arizona, Delaware, Missouri, New Mexico and North Dakota.

Wesley Clark and John Edwards fought to a draw in Oklahoma; Edwards delivered a knockout punch in South Carolina.

Speaking from his hotel in Seattle, Kerry raised his hands in victory before the standing-room-only crowd, and delivered his now familiar litany of pledges to correct all that is wrong in the nation.

"I am ready for the mission," Kerry said. "I know how to take on those powerful interests."

Howard Dean was clearly down for the count, having been trounced soundly throughout the day.

Of the 246 available delegates, Dean fell over the ropes with only four delegates to grab him.

Joe Lieberman was beat into submission and withdrew from the race early in the evening, taking the time to thank all of those who had supported him in the opening rounds of the fight.

"The judgment of the voters is now clear," Lieberman said. "I know the results are disappointing tonight."

Technical communication sophomore Tim Schultz is not registered to vote. He says he is disenchanted with politics, adding that President Bush is too extreme. Schultz was hoping Lieberman would have done better in the primaries.

"He was the most conservative," Schultz said.

Schultz is not sure which candidate he will support now. He is not inclined to vote for the "lesser of two evils."

Assistant Professor Alec Kirby teaches political history and American government at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Kirby will be a guest analyst on Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. with Mary Jo Wagner on Wisconsin Public Radio's The West Side call-in talk show. The topic of the show will be the condition of the presidential campaigns and the upcoming Wisconsin primary.

Engaging in a political discussion with Kirby is an intense affair. He is thoughtful and deliberate when offering his political insight. With furrowed brow, his eyes dart about the room as though he is chasing an elusive thought.

"More than any other campaign I've witnessed in my lifetime, this campaign has been a trampoline, with the same candidates bouncing high and then falling low," Kirby said.

He was clearly upset when he discovered, while browsing his lineup of favorite Web pages, that he wasn't alone in his trampoline analogy. With an explicative or two he moved on to a quick analysis of the importance of the South in the upcoming presidential campaign. He believes the republicans own the South.

"The democrats have not won the South with a Northerner," Kirby said.

Kirby did not reveal his partisanship, but he did make a resolute statement after freezing the thought with his dancing eyes.

"Bush will win, and win with a landslide," Kirby said. "The simple dollars will win. Bush will outspend the underfunded democrats [who] cannot carry the South."

The "thoroughly disengaged" 18-25-year-olds continually dismay Kirby. His voice rises and falls in tone, interrupted in momentary outbursts of passion as he discusses the possible causes and solutions. He finally summed it up in simple terms.

"It's [politics] not very sexy, that's the problem."

Packaging senior Samantha Stupak has not voted since Bill Clinton was in office. She is not following the political events leading up to the Wisconsin primary and admits that her friends don't talk about politics when they get together. Stupak would like to see something a little more interesting going on with the candidates.

"If the candidates were mud wrestling, I might pay attention," Stupak said.

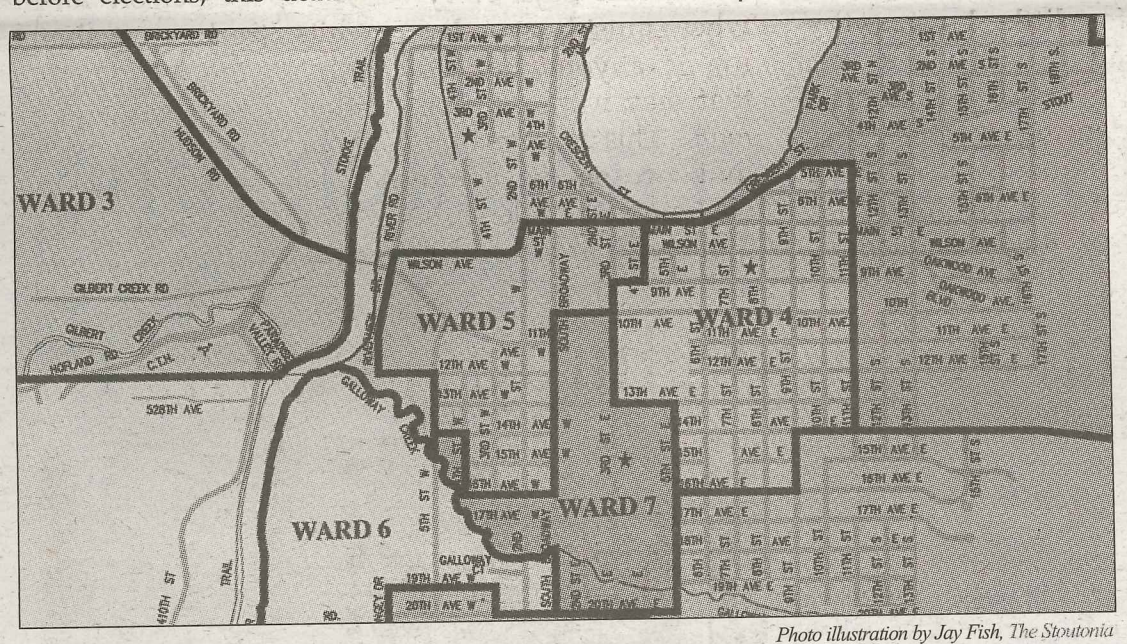


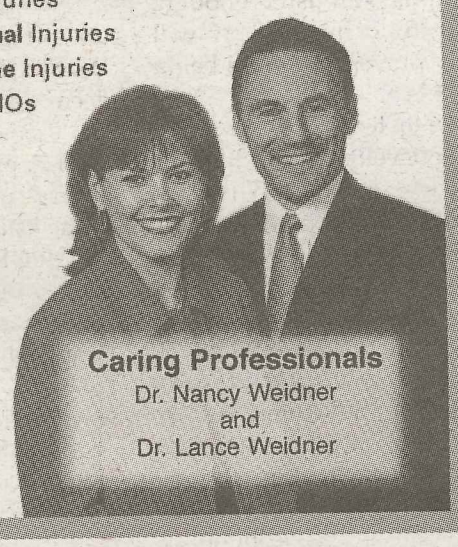
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It only counts in horseshoes, hand grenades and slow dancing.

Super breast, we mean bowl



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

It was planned, and anyone who says otherwise is crazy.

At the halftime show of an outstanding Super Bowl one breast caught the nation's attention and didn't let go.

For the second time in three years the New England Patriots are World Champions and all America cares about is a middle-aged singers bare breast.

Janet Jackson was smart to use the most watched event of the year to try to get some attention for herself and the media's spotlight off of her brother.

Justin Timberlake was part of it no matter what crazy excuse they come up with.

But it's fun to say 'wardrobe malfunction.'

MTV was in on it too. The NFL politely said that the station would not be producing halftime shows in the future. This time next year, MTV will be promoting the halftime show the NFL doesn't want you to see, and it's only on MTV.

But this poorly thought out fiasco will have repercussions for all those involved.

Jackson hopes more teenage girls will buy her album. Let's say that this stunt helps her sell more copies. There is a chance that she will be fined a heavy amount if this was planned.

Timberlake is supposed to be a role model for little boys everywhere, but he was seen pulling clothes off of his dancing partner.

CBS could also get fined if it's found out that this was planned.



Not to mention they are supposed to be more of a family network. The people at Fox must be writing them thank you cards as you read this.

And finally, it was a breast during prime time. Little boys everywhere must be wondering if anyone noticed that they were pitching tents. This is a terrible influence on the youth of America. Little girls don't want to see an idol have her chest exposed or see their crush rip clothes off a female.

Kid Rock was the only performer out of the group to actually sing during his performance. Impressive. The spokesperson for white trash was the only decent performer. What's that tell you about America?

And would it be so wrong to get less crappy commercials?

Get your fill of the 'happy vitamin'



GREEN SENSE
Elizabeth Bailey

Don't be so blue! The sun is shining brighter than ever today. I don't even notice how bitter cold it is without the clouds as I make my long haul to campus.

As much as I love the warm blanket of snow we just received, the sunshine seems to brighten up my day even more than usual.

The grey clouds, full of snow that keep us warm during these long winter months, begin to wear on us. The snow offers great opportunities for snowboarding, skiing or whatever your winter sport may be.

But face it, when it's negative 32 degrees Fahrenheit, you're numb before you even get out the door.

Ever since the temperature has been consistantly below zero, I ask myself why on earth I ever decided to remain in this state of frozen tundra?

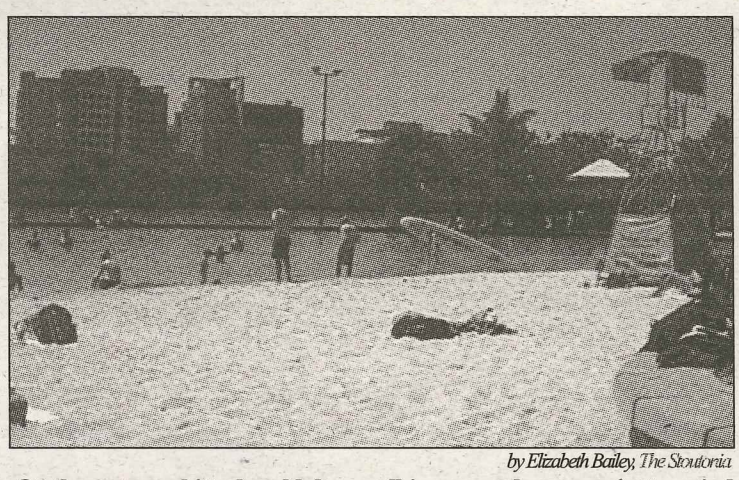
Of course I still love the snow, but perhaps I just love the idea of it and the option of driving to a mountain to enjoy it. But instead, I remain frozen two months out of the year.

How do we cope with this winter weather without getting frost bit? Lately, even wearing ten layers of clothing while trekking all over campus still isn't enough. I'm afraid more layers will only prevent me from being mobile at all!

Ten to 20 percent of us may develop a mild form of the winter blues. When the weather conditions become more extreme, Seasonal Affective Depression (SAD) may set in.

Our body's biological clock is delayed and runs slower in the winter.

Sunlight is the best cure for those winter blues. Whenever the sun is shining, get yourself outside, bundled up and all, and soak up that Vitamin E. Lack of Vitamin E decreases our energy levels and motivation.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

On those sunny, bitterly cold days walking around campus, just remind yourself that the sun is sending out a bunch of the happy vitamin.

Keeping your blinds open during the day at home will also help expose you to what I like to call the 'happy vitamin.'

It's amazing how much happier I feel when the sun is shining, especially after a few gloomy, overcast days. As much as we hate to get bundled up, the more exercise you get in the winter, the better your mood will be.

You'll begin to have a noticeable change in your attitude about the weather, just by enjoying all the sunshine you can get.

Why do you think that we're already thinking warm thoughts with Spring Break just around the corner?

I'm barely settled into the new semester and already I'm daydreaming about lying on the beach.

So when the warm, but dreary, days get you down, remember the sun will come out tomorrow!

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STOUTONIA 1990s



SPACEDOUT
Chelsea Rickert

And here we are with the second installation of Stoutonia Loves the 90s. On and on we go, where we stop, nobody knows. Until we hit 1999.



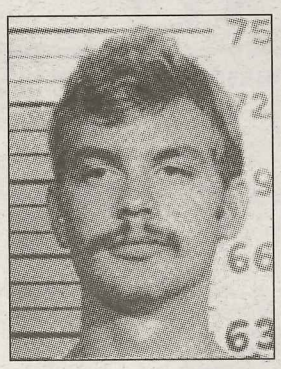
1991 seems so far away when you look at the number of years that have passed us by — 13 for those of you who are mathematically challenged. I'm too impatient to wait while you search for a calculator. But anyway, 13 years seems like only yesterday to me. Of course I was only five, but we'll just pretend like I remember everything.

The Soviet Union ended in this year. Exit Gorbachev, enter Yeltsin.

1991 was the birth of the Grunge Movement, brought on by anti-pop bands like Nirvana. Dirty flannel was all the rage. Definitely one of the cheaper fads in history. I love Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," and I still remember my mother yelling at me when she caught me listening to it.

I think I had recorded it off the radio onto a cheap blank tape, and I played that out until my mom found it and smashed it.

Jeffery Dahmer was arrested. Isn't Wisconsin proud of him? Described as a homosexual cannibal. Yum. But I'll pick Hannibal over Dahmer any day.



Oh yes, and what of Hollywood?

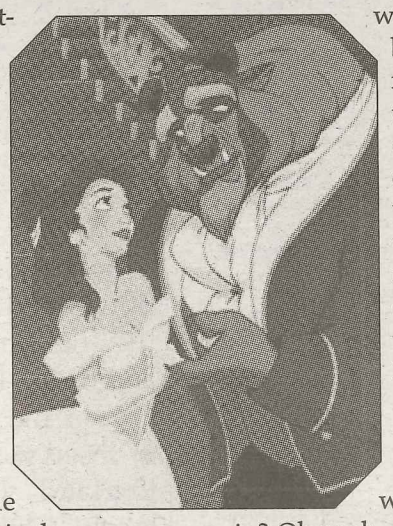
Hello, Clarice. "Silence of the Lambs" was one of my favorite movies. I wasn't allowed to watch it, like that stopped me.

And who can forget "Earnest Scared Stupid?" That movie is great, even though the troll always scared the crap out of me. I can see him in my mind, saying, "Miak?"

Hook was also released in 1991—but it made me sad that Peter Pan went from a feisty little boy who didn't want to grow up to an unattractive, neanderthalic, hairy man. Total buzz kill.

Among other great movies produced in '91 were "The Addams Family" (snap snap), Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," and "City Slickers." The part where Billy Crystal births the calf and loses his watch is timeless. Pun intended. The sad thing is, I probably know a few people who have had that happen to them.

1991 wasn't extremely great for new television. "Home Improvement" was a product of that year, however, and it is my belief that this was the last true family cit-com created. I vaguely remember the "Torkelsons" and "Step by Step." I also remember telling my mom that she was prettier than Suzanne Somers. I am such a suckup.



October and November heralded the famous tropical disaster: "The Perfect Storm." We all know the story of the Swordfishing boat, Andrea Gail, thanks to Sebastian Junger's novel. Yes, dear readers, that movie was actually a book first, and it was actually a true story.

And here comes the award for Superb Absurdity of 1991:

"Biosphere II." No, not a crappy sequal to Pauly Shore's movie (even though "Biodome" was inspired by this...monstrosity). Four men and four women were sealed in the Biosphere II, which was built in the middle of the Arizona desert. The experiment was a failure; several food crops died and there was a lack of something very important. What was that again? Oh yeah. Air. The fact that they tried it out twice and failed floors me.

V-day is a holiday?



THEDROP
Lindsay Schuldt

With the upcoming Hallmark holiday right around the corner, most people are freaking out.

Significant others are thinking of momentary excuses to get out of relationships, in order to avoid the dreaded day.

While single women are raging around the campus in search of a man to get attention from if only for the day, single men are hiding underneath tables, locking themselves in dark rooms and turning off the ringers on their phones.

Why all of the commotion?

Beats me.

I mean, sure, who doesn't like to get stuff. But who said anything about getting it on just one particular day, what about all the time?

I'd love to get flowers a couple times a week.

I'd die to have a candle lit dinner every time I have a bad day.

And I would go wild for stuffed animals every time I nag about something that's not important to anyone but me (and trust me- I nag a lot!).

But in reality, I don't expect it. Who could afford it? And besides, if a man did all of that for me all of the time, couldn't it be considered stalking?

While it's nice to have a day to appreciate me, and to let me appreciate someone else, the day really isn't worth all of that hype.

Because in the end, who ever is paying gets a huge bill and becomes hostile at the fact that they spent so much money on things neither of you really needed.

The hostility leads to the fight later on that evening, and the fight leads to someone throwing something, which will probably end up in someone crying and a door slamming at some point in time.

So what's the point of having such a special day?

Because women like it, and if women aren't happy, men will never be happy.

Trust me.

Do I want something for this over commercialized extravaganza of a day? Of course I do!

But if I don't get the most incredible night of my life, the world as I know it will probably not end.

Besides, if worse comes to worse, I can always send myself flowers.

Hey Menomonie!
Plow your roads!!

I'll ship you to Abudabi



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

Calvin and Hobbes don't get a movie. The Far Side doesn't get a movie. Other comic strips 1000 times better than Garfield don't get a live-action movie based on them, and I couldn't be happier.

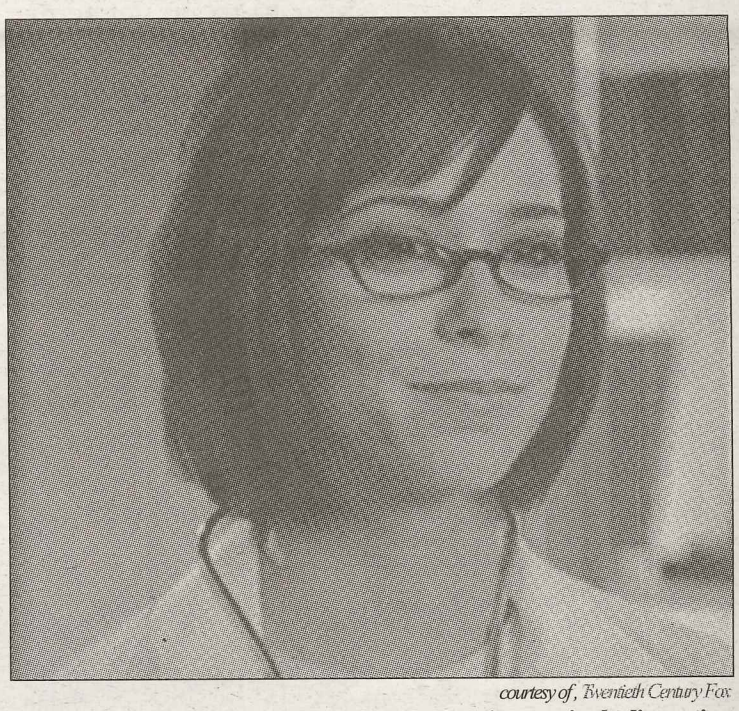
First off, I've never been too big a fan of Garfield, especially lately. Jim Davis' creativity has run out, and I personally think that the strip needs to be retired.

Personal feelings aside, I also think that it's a crappy idea. Just how well do they think that this comic strip is going to translate into live-action, anyway?

Those of us who remember the cartoon "Garfield and Friends," remember that for the most part is was pretty terrible. So why stretch that awfulness out from half an hour to close to 2?

The makers of this movie should have taken a lesson from other movies that have been based on cartoons/comics: and tanked. For instance, movies based on comic books have been a mixed bag at best.

"Spiderman" and the "X-men" movies were pretty high quality films, but "Daredevil" and "Hulk" were just pointless exhibitionism.



courtesy of, Twentieth Century Fox

Jennifer Love Hewitt plays Jon Arbuckles love interest in the live action film version of the famous "Garfield" comic.

Movies that capitalized on their "testostro-factor" instead of trying to get at the original vision of the comic book characters are just wrong. If a bad movie can be made from good comics, then what kind of a movie can we expect from a bad comic strip?

In addition, the use of a Computer Generated Image character is a risky maneuver as well, and one that rarely pays off. "Scooby Doo" as a CGI mutt was mildly amusing, and really more of a gimmick than a character.

My guess is that Garfield on-screen will mainly be used as a conduit for the movie to spout cute lines that will make families chuckle and kids repeat them for hours. He is most likely going to end up as more of a Jar-Jar than a Gollum, the only successful CGI character that I can think of to date.

"Garfield: The Movie" is going to be a hit. It will be so because enough people will go to see this moving comic-strip train-wreck because they like the printed strip. After all, Garfield is still in the paper; but if I have my way, not for long.

As a side note, before I finish, I'd like to mention, with regard to my last article, that Evan Marriot is hosting a marathon of "Love Connection" on Game Show Network. Keep it up Evan, you'll get a Daytime Emmy.

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Letters to the Editor

Unwelcome thrill

Some adventures are terrifying—if you're Gogi Chibber, handicapped with cerebral palsy.

Harvey Hall was built in 1927, before wheelchair access was thought of—and retrofitted. A power-door opens from outside the west end into a ramp crammed into a small basement side-room that leads to the dungeon-like echoing lower corridors.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Gogi attended a class in Harvey. The town's DET bus, with its lift for her power chair, parked in the nearest handicap zone 50 yards westward. To meet it at 4:30, she waited 1 hour--on warm days, outside watching trees, birds, and students. But November brought cold. Inside, near the power-door, only if she stood up in her chair on the ramp, she could barely see out the too-high window, between the trees in the way, to maybe glimpse the bus parking in the zone. To see clearly, she must go outside and look.

One day after Thanksgiving (temp 5 with wind-chill), she waited till 4:30, but no bus. Worrying she'd missed it, she repeatedly went out in the cold to double check—without gloves and with her coat open since she can't close it one-handed. Because of insurance, the town says, the driver cannot come into the building to fetch her.

Gogi went out and back in, grew colder. By 4:50—still no bus—her good hand could barely work the chair's joystick.

Tearful with panic, she went to the elevator and up to Harvey's first floor, calling for help. Her instincts rose: images of being marooned in the Hall, stuck in the snow, being carried by who-knew-who through the cold like a sack of potatoes—no humanity left—just a sack of disability to throw in a dumpster. With unreasonable terror, her panic spoke.

Then Mr. G appeared, with a student from his late class. Leaving the power-chair in Harvey for the bus to pick up tomorrow, he would illegally drive up the sidewalk and carry her the short distance out. Shivering relief.

Meanwhile, Joe, the student, walked out the west door, saw the bus and what it meant, asked the driver to wait and told the others inside.

Cheers! Gogi caught the bus (delayed by snow while delivering another passenger outside town). At home, her mother gave her hot tea and thawed her hands and feet with their blow-drier.

Despite some true danger, all was well—Gogi cheery an hour later. But by 8:00, with adrenaline faded, she was almost too tired to talk—and for Gogi that is saying something.

Next day at tea, she paused, inhaling jerkily, terror again stopping her breath. Then came anger at Harvey's short-sighted design—designers drunk or refusing to ask wheelchair people what they need. Then the money-saving insurance rule against drivers meeting passengers.

After this venting, and reinvigorated (as usual) by a cup of tea, Gogi grinned. "I'm glad I didn't sign up for a class in the real cold of spring semester."

Dick Gardner

Where in the world is Osama?



MUPPET LOGIC
Tim Krueger

This past week, the Defense Department announced that they were going to be launching a new offensive against Al Qaeda in Afghanistan this spring, with the hopes of bringing down Osama bin Laden.

I could not be happier with this news, as we need to stop Al Qaeda. But why is this taking so long?

Flash back to the first part of the year 2001. The U.S. was still in its happy-go-lucky pre-9/11 stage, and most of the population was comfortably numb in their middle-class splendor.

Osama bin Laden, on the FBI "most wanted" list, was having kidney trouble, and from July 4 through July 14, 2001, bin Laden underwent dialysis treatment at an American hospital in Dubai, funded by the U.S. Army.

During this stay, he was also visited by a CIA agent. According to Reuters, "At the time, bin Laden had a multi-million dollar price on his head for his suspected role in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in East Africa," yet the CIA agent did not arrest or detain him.

On September 10, 2001, Osama bin Laden was admitted to a hospital in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, also funded in part by the Pentagon, in order to get treatment for his ailing kidneys. He then underwent dialysis again, actually being in the hospital during the 9/11 attacks, yet the U.S. could not find him.

After the 9/11 attacks, U.S. airspace was closed, and no planes were allowed to fly.

For the first time in many of our lives, we saw nighttime skies with stars that didn't blink or move.

There was one plane allowed to fly during this time, visiting Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Washington, and Boston it was a private Saudi Boeing 727, destined to those cities to pick up 24 members of the bin Laden family residing in the U.S.

The FBI wanted to question these family members, to see if they knew where Osama was, but under permission from higher up, the jet was allowed to fly into the U.S. and evacuate the bin Laden family.

Flash back even further to the year 1977. George W. Bush was just starting his first oil drilling business, titled Arbusto Energy Corp., roughly translating to "shrub" in Spanish, although G.W. thought it meant "bush." Salem bin Laden, Osama's older brother, was a partner with Bush in this business.

The new offensive to catch members of Al Qaeda this spring may prove effective, and I hope it does, but honestly Mr. Bush, what is so hard about catching a man with virtually no kidneys?

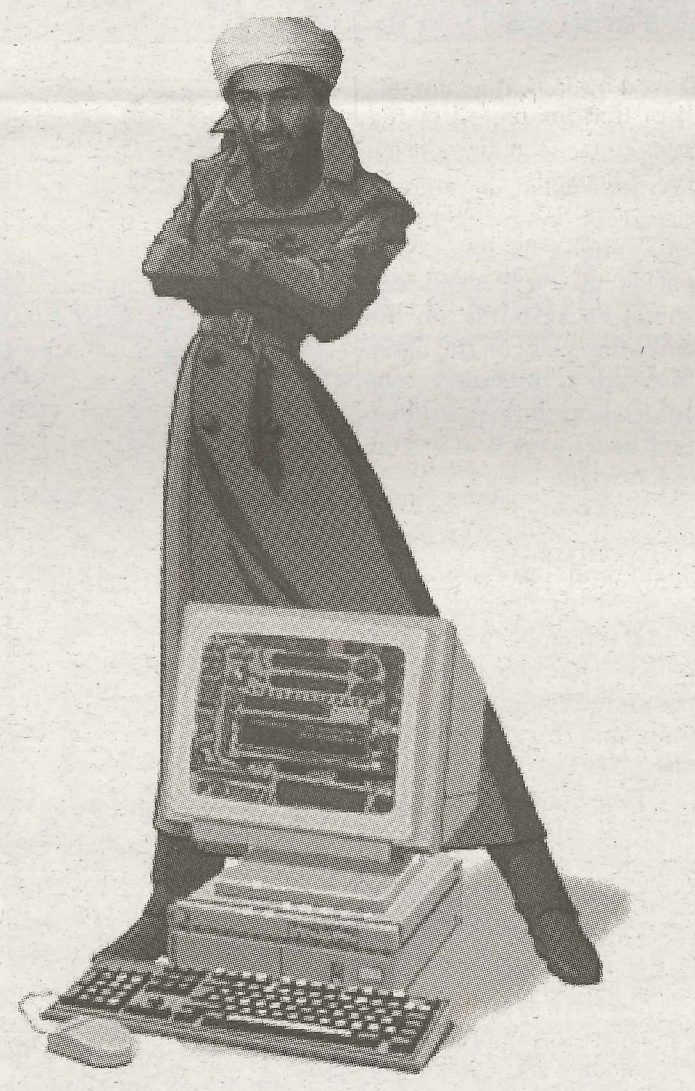


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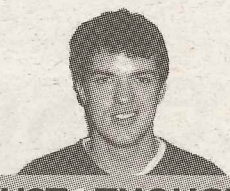
Osama is hard to find. So was Carmen Sandiego. So this is the logical conclusion to those two statements.

Recent intelligence has also shown that bin Laden has suffered a stroke, as he hardly ever moves one side of his body in videos. Now that Osama's health has been reduced to that of an American senior citizen on Medicare, why has the U.S. Army not yet been able to find him?

Draw your own conclusions, but I must be cynical here. What the heck is going on?

The voters of the United States can make a difference in stopping these abuses of power. Please vote in the upcoming primary election on February 17th, and let the Republicans know that we no longer want this mockery of leadership in the White House.

"The Super Bowl commercial you didn't see."



JUST A THOUGHT
Brain Legg

Of all the Super Bowl commercials, perhaps the most significant was the one that didn't air. The winning ad in a contest called "Bush in 30 seconds," titled "Child's Pay," depicted children working adult jobs: a trash collector, dish washer and factory worker.

Clips of the cute little kids working was followed by the question, "Guess who's going to pay for Bush's 1 trillion dollar tax cut?" CBS refused to air it.

Conservatives have long been clinging to a supposed liberal bias in the media; however, this unwarranted use of censorship on the part of CBS casts a shadow of doubt on that very theory.

While you no doubt saw a slew of ads by companies benefiting from the Bush administration's lax business regulations, and a few from the administration itself, there was not a single view of opposition.

There is a good chance you will hear conservatives screaming bloody murder and saying that moveon.org, the group that sponsored the contest, has made a comparison between Adolf Hitler and President Bush, but this is simply not true.

MoveOn.org addressed this by writing, "None of these was our ad, nor did their appearance constitute endorsement or sponsorship by MoveOn.org Voter Fund. They will not appear on TV. We do not support the sentiment expressed in the two Hitler submissions. They were voted down by our members and the public, who reviewed the ads and submitted nearly 3 million critiques in the process of choosing the 15 finalist entries."

We agree that the two ads in question were in poor taste and deeply regret that they slipped through our screening process. In the future, if we publish or broadcast raw material, we will create a more effective filtering system."

The winning ad was done very tastefully and attempted to pose a serious question to a nation whose president says, "...We will not pass along our problems to other congresses, other presidents and other generations." It can be viewed at either MoveOn.org or bushin30seconds.org.

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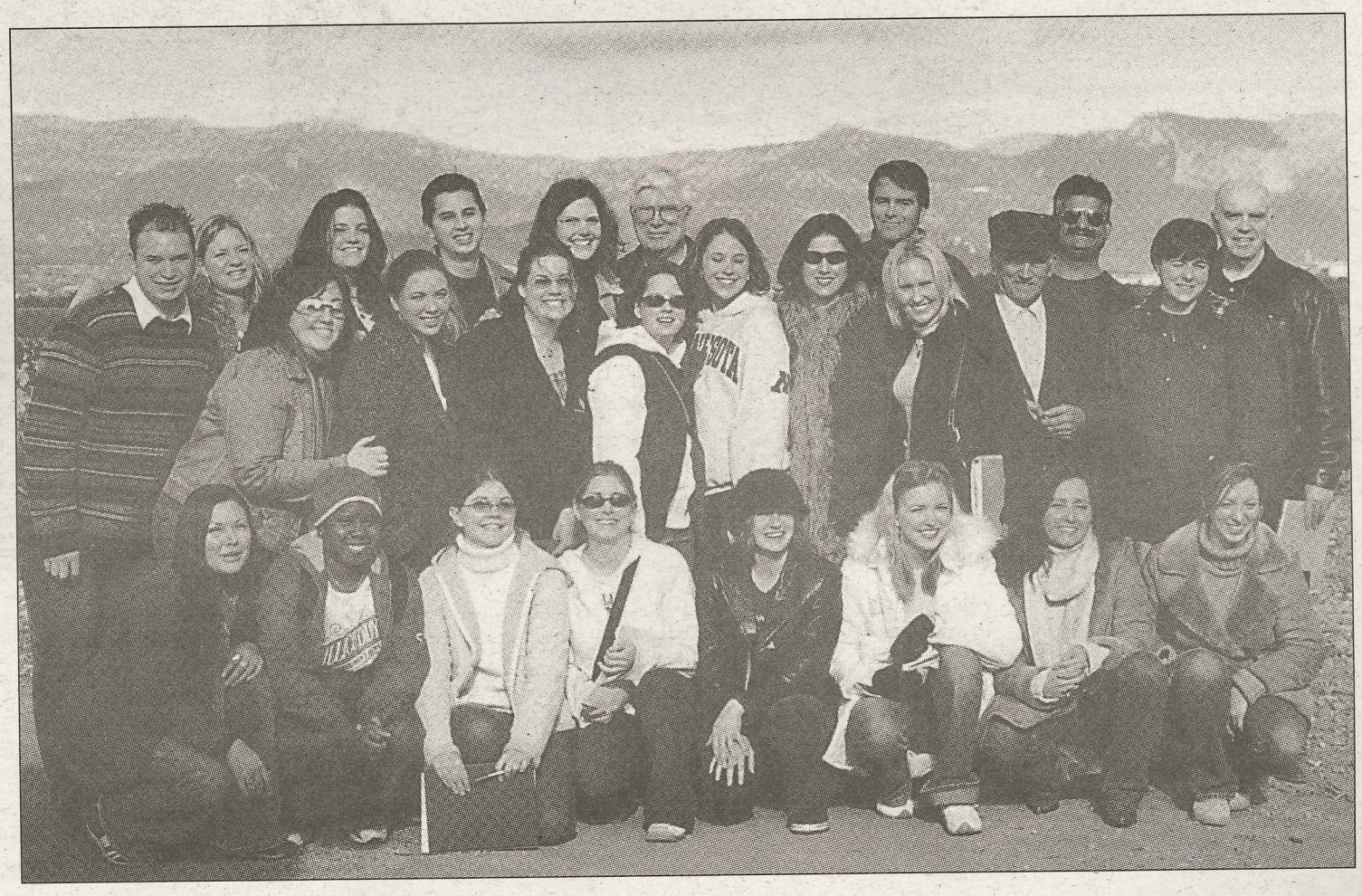
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Lessons learned while abroad



CLASSREVIEW

Paige Klein



As I am sitting on the plane for the last leg of my journey, I look back on the questions that ran through my head before I began this trip. Am I going to learn anything? Will the culture be what I expected? How will eating and drinking improve my college career?

Over this last Winterm, I embarked on an adventure that about thirty-five to forty students take every year through International Programs. It is described through its course title, Wine and Food Pairing. This Winterm, the course happened to be held in Mallorca, Spain, but it has been held in Australia and will be held in France this coming August.

Whether it is a semester, Winterm, summer term or a year, studying abroad is a way to move beyond the American culture and the small community of the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Now, this is not to say that students and faculty are not cultured and are small-minded, but being immersed in a completely different culture is a new experience for most UW-Stout students studying abroad.

Am I going to learn anything? That question was the most frequently asked by my parents, family and friends. Of course I'm going to learn. UW-Stout would not have a class available if you weren't going to absorb some new knowledge.

I embraced another culture while learning more about wine than I thought possible. The tricks and techniques applied to the characteristics of different wines and types of food are basic and priceless. I will not be able to forget them if I continue to practice what I learned.

"It was a great learning experience," said Kari Fencl, a senior in family and consumer sciences.

Will the culture be what I expected? The answer to this is both yes and no. During December, before the class left, there was an informational meeting to go over the expectations and details regarding the trip.

In preparation for the trip, the International Programs office and Dr. Martha Wallen, a professor in speech language theater and music, assembled a packet giving the students some background on the cities that were on the itinerary. Also included was advice from former students that had traveled and studied in Spain.

However, this was not the same as actually being in Spain and only using the small bit of Spanish that I could remember from high school. The more noticeable cultural differences involved time and local's attitudes towards tourists.

Time is relaxed in Spain. There is always a two to three hour siesta in the afternoon, which put a damper on any shopping, touring or eating plans for those late-risers in the group. To be honest, I loved their laid-back, stress-free but responsible lifestyles.

In each city we visited, tourists were received quite differently. Pamplona, a city in the northern mainland, preferred to cater their fellow Spaniards on holiday. But for me it was difficult to break through the language barrier and the unfriendly stares.

In Palma, however, it is normal for the locals to encounter tourists daily. According to some locals, Palma is a popular destination for British and German "holidays." It was also common to find one out of four people who knew some level of English.



Courtesy of: Paige Klein

Many classes are held abroad each semester. Over Winterm, some students attended a wine and food pairing class in Mallorca, Spain. They not only learned in their class, but through cultural experiences as well.

Another cultural revelation involved the immense pride and passion that Spaniards have for food preparation and consumption. The abundance of fresh produce, lamb, seafood, ethnic cheeses and hams were dominant in every market and city. Food poisoning is a thing to consider, however.

"Stick to eating what you know…ham, yogurt, juice and water," said Sonya Boyd, a senior in food systems and technology. "That way you won't be having problems that include the bathroom."

Finally, what does eating and drinking have to do with my college career? Well, that answer is two-fold. One, you experience a new culture and adapt to diversity. You are expected to try new things. Two, you build a resume of new knowledge and great contacts in a field where it pays to know what you are talking about instead of blowing smoke.

"I think that Wine and Food Pairing is a great, worthwhile educational experience," said Katie Dix, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.

Thank you, Peter D'Souza and Phil McGuirk, for teaching me and making this event priceless. Did I learn anything in Spain? Yes, I did. Did I like it in Spain? No, I loved it, and I would recommend this class to anyone regardless of major, monetary restraints or where those crazy professors go next. If you have any questions you can talk to these professors or the International Programs office.

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Regret renting? Become a buyer

Lara Monk



Courtesy of: The Greater Menomonie Area profile

Pride in ownership, steady income and lack of a landlord are reasons to own a home during college rather than renting. Downfalls are making loan and tax payments and finding time for repairs and maintenance.

Free rent. Steady income. No landlord. Are these ideas unheard of to you as a student? Shocking, but it is possible to have all of these rather than renting; you'd be buying.

There are numerous advantages of being a homeowner and leasing your property to others, rather than being a tenant.

"Every payment you make is part interest and part investment or equity," said Bill Kryshak, associate professor of business at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "Assuming that the value of the home remains the same as when you purchased it, you are saving or investing money on a monthly basis."

"There are tax benefits as interest, and real estate taxes are tax deductible. For this to benefit the owner, they have to have taxable income and many students do not have enough income where they have to pay taxes," said Kryshak. "The higher the taxable income of the homeowner, the more value they receive from deductions."

One disadvantage related to owning property seen by Doug Kennedy, the property management instructor in the hospitality and tourism department at UW-Stout, is upkeep. Do students have the time required to care for the upkeep of their investment?

"In many cases you now will become a landlord and all of the repairs, maintenance and problems are your concerns," said Kryshak. "Many of these will require cash to fix, which students may not have on an immediate basis."

"For some students, especially those who get involved with an investment later in their college careers, selling their home upon graduation - in a college town - could be problematic," said Kennedy.

Another drawback is making payments.

"You will need to remember that you do not only have to make a payment on the loan, but you must also pay real estate taxes," said Kryshak. "This can substantially add to your costs."

"Property values have historically gone up and if your home increases in value, you again have gained by increasing your investment," said Kryshak. "My only caution here is that not every home goes up in value."

A certain percentage of students on campus may have no idea how to approach buying a house. Fortunately, there are particular steps involved with becoming a homeowner.

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Stout Watch



Meghan Jungwirth - 19
apparel design
sophomore

Hometown: Cottage Grove, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single

Describe yourself in one word: Exciting.

What is your idea of an ideal date?
Going out, having fun and getting to know the person.

What is your favorite quote?
"Life is too short for petty problems so kiss slowly, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly. Life is too short to be anything but happy." - Unknown

What is the best way to spend a weekend?
Shopping, partying and hanging out.

Who is the most important person in your life?
My parents.

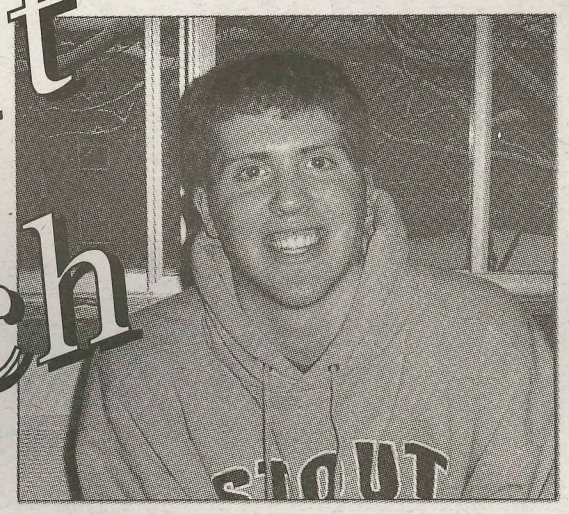
What is your favorite song/ song of the moment?
"With you" by Jessica Simpson.

Advice for the students at UW-Stout:
Balance your time between studying and having fun.

What is the hardest thing you have ever had to do?
Break-up with someone.

What is your favorite movie?
"Lord of the Rings" (all three of them).

What is the worst job you ever had?
Inventory at Jo-Anne Fabrics.



Kyle Bonde - 19
construction
sophomore

Hometown: Nerstrand, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single

Describe yourself in one word: Charismatic.

What is your idea of an ideal date?
Dinner at the Pawn, movie at the State Theater and hangout.

What is your favorite quote?
"Never take life seriously or you'll never make it out alive." – Van Wilder

What is the best way to spend a weekend?
Skiing with friends and relaxing.

Who is the most important person in your life?
My dog, Patches.

What is your favorite song/ song of the moment?
"Believe" by Yellowcart and "Ninja Rap" by Vanilla Ice.

Advice for the students at UW-Stout:
Find what you're looking for and let it happen.

What is the hardest thing you have ever had to do?
Talk to my friend at his house after he broke both legs while skiing.

What is your favorite movie?
"Ninja Turtle"s – old school.

What is one thing you want the campus to know about you?
If you want to get to know me, call me.

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

Stout Watch is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students. If you have question ideas for Stout Watch or want to see someone featured, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Campus Slant

What is the most annoying thing your professor does?



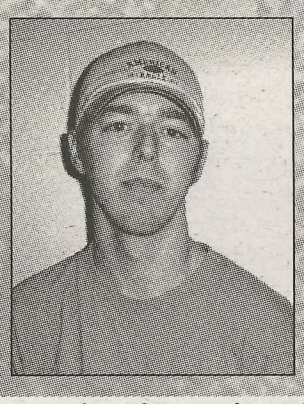
"Swears at students in class."

Julie Adams
apparel design
freshman



"Yells at me for falling asleep in class."

Eric Wienkes
multimedia design
junior



"They schedule tests and quizzes for the last day of the week."

Kevin Roshell
packaging
freshman



"My professor is very forgetful and sometimes forgets what school we're at."

Annie Skroski
apparel design
senior

Next Week:

Who would you want to body paint for Valentine's Day?

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"Discovering the good in unknown people and music."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

While in the bookstore, wasting time before my next class, I happened upon the clearance area of the store. Sitting on the shelf was a box of treasures, a stack of mysteries, a small arsenal of compact discs.

I read the price tags: $3.99 each. I read the titles: all unknown. Curiosity got the better of me, and I grabbed one and headed for the register.

When I got home, I opened my prize and fell in love. Sounds of piano, percussion and poetry resonated in my ears. How could such a gem go so unnoticed?

As the final notes wrapped up, I felt myself wanting more and desperate to snatch up all of the $3.99 obscurities. Who could tell what sort of talent the stacks would hold?

I love music, but what I love even more is discovering something new. The thrill of becoming absorbed in the music of a basically no-name artist is indescribable.

I find myself writing down names of random CDs I see in Best Buy and trying to find tracks of their songs on Web sites.

When someone that good comes along, you can just feel it, and you wait for them to make it big.

The truth is, you never know what you are going to get. Maybe I am just really good at seeing the good in most artists, or maybe there is just something remarkable about every musician out there.

Dealing with people is similar. You just don't know if the girl with the blue hair has your same taste in movies, or if the guy in the Abercrombie and Fitch shirt can prepare your favorite dessert as well as any famous chef.

The ambiguity is enchanting and makes me want to take a chance on everyone. I have never been unsuccessful.

Joe Henry, the artist that inspired me to write this, is the newest musician added to my collection and proof that so much good lies in the unknown. I can't wait to discover another.

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Homeowner / Renting a home isn't the only option

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"The first step, from my perspective, would be that you have adequate cash flow for the down payment, expenses of purchase and for items that need immediate fixing," said Kryshak. "A detailed budget showing your expected outflows on a monthly basis for the next few years should be done prior to purchase."

"One step to becoming a homebuyer is to meet with a current lender and get prequalified for a loan," said John Sobota, an Andale Real Estate, Inc. broker and real estate lecturer for the UW-Stout business department. "The banker will ask the financial questions, and based on your current income verses debt ratio, this will determine the amount of money the bank will give to you."

Along with knowing the steps to take and how to buy, the question of when to buy may arise at one point.

According to Kennedy, the best time to buy real estate is during the fall and winter seasons, but it is mostly a function of the market.

Sobota offers a different opinion.

"The busiest time of the year for real estate sales is generally between April thru August," said Sobota. "You will find the most homes for sale during that time, but you will also be competing with the most buyers at that time. Buying a home during the colder months may actually work in favor of the buyer."

Would a student be able to get financing? Would they earn enough to qualify for a loan?

"Some students purchase homes with their parents as co-signers to the loan, other students do it completely on their own," said Sobota.

For numerous reasons, there are many students that think buying isn't for them. Reasons like living pay check to pay check, tuition loans, difficulty managing money or debt. Owning a home, especially at the age of 20, isn't for everyone. On the other hand, Sobota thinks it's possible even with money problems.

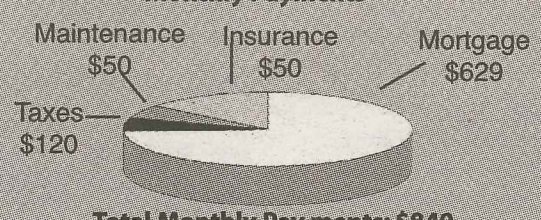
"I believe owning real estate is one of the most fundamental, steady investments one can make in their lives," said Sobota. "If you are a student that plans to live in Menomonie for two years or more and can afford a home, I would say, go for it."

Owning vs. Renting

Property Profit after 2 years: $16,584 vs. Renting Debt:$5,520

Example of a 5 bedroom home
Purchase Price: $105,000
30/yr mortgage at 6% $629/month

Monthly Payments



Total Monthly Pay,ments: $849

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4 roommates at $210/month rent	$840
Total monthly payments:	$849
Income from roommates	-$840
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Initial Investment	$105,000
Annual Market Increase	8%
Estimated Value after 2 yrs.	$121,800
Initial Investment	-$105,000
Rent at $9/month	$216
Total Profit after 2 years	**$16,584**

Freezing fundraiser flourishes

Marta Peters

Summer warmth may not be here for quite some time, but the recent cold spell didn't stop a University of Wisconsin-Stout fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega (APO), from taking a quick swim in Half Moon Lake in Eau Claire, Wis.

The Sunday, Feb. 1 occasion kicked off a month long "Polar Plunge" fundraiser. The event, which began five years ago in La Crosse, Wis., benefits the Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI), an organization that provides persons with cognitive disabilities, the opportunity to take part in year-round athletic training and competition.

"Alpha Phi Omega believes strongly in what the Special Olympics stands for," explained Sherry Stark, a junior majoring in vocational rehabilitation and Vice President of Service for the co-ed fraternity. "The Polar Plunge is their main fundraising event, so we enjoy being a part of it each year,"

This is Stark's second year participating in the Polar Plunge.

The fundraiser starts out with groups or individuals who ask for pledges in exchange for jumping (or slowly creeping, if one prefers) into the frigid waters of a designated lake. There are eight plunges taking place this winter in various Wisconsin cities. According to the SOWI's official website, the Polar Plunge is one of the most successful fundraising events with annual participation reaching almost 3,000 and pledges exceeding $400,000.



Courtesy of: Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega was part of the yearly Polar Plunge on Feb. 1. The event consists of people jumping into frigid waters of a designated lake to raise money for the Special Olympics of Wisconsin (SOWI).

If the thrill of a cool, crisp dip is something that seems it should be saved for 90-degree days, rather than 9-degree days, the Polar Plunge had numerous other volunteer options such as helping out with registration, judging and prizes.

While about ten members of APO decided to take the frigid plunge, many other members took part in other aspects of Sunday's event, including one member who chose to keep warm by dressing up as the official Polar Plunge mascot.

"This is the third year that we have jumped, " said Mike Miller, APO president and a senior double majoring in applied math and engineering technology. "We usually get a group of 10 to 15 people to jump. As a friendly competition, other chapters of APO from other universities challenge each other, the goal being to have the most plungers."

Since each plunger is required to receive or personally donate a minimum of $15, the contest to see which APO chapter can recruit the most plungers allows donations to add up quickly.

Members of UW-Stout's APO have been involved in providing service to the Special Olympics organization since December of 1998.

"APO is not your typical college fraternity," said Kathleen Deery, APO's advisor. "They are a co-ed group that emphasizes service and leadership. They provide a tremendous amount of service to our community."

Although the first Polar Plunge event is over, there are many different ways to help the SOWI organization. Donations are always appreciated and can be sent to, Special Olympics, 2023 Fairfax Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

There are also seven more plunges taking place until March 6, all of which are located in Wisconsin. If you would like to take part in an upcoming plunge event, you can find information and registration forms at the Special Olympics website, http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/polar_plunge.html. There are links on this site that will direct you to other volunteer opportunities within the SOWI organization as well.

Along with the Polar Plunge, APO takes part in the Buck Shot Run, another SOWI fundraiser. They also volunteer their time year round for active competitions like track and field, basketball and numerous other athletic sports.

"Volunteers from our organization have found as much enjoyment by volunteering as the actual participants have found," said Miller.

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The 411

Feb. 5 to Feb. 12

Thursday, Feb. 5
>Cross Country Skiing, 9 p.m., Red Cedar Trailhead, ski rental, $5, Trail pass, $3.

Friday, Feb. 6
>M & W Track hosts UW-Stout Pentangular Open, 4 p.m.
>Sushi Burgers, comedy show, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Huff's, $4.
>Gymnastics hosts UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.
>Hockey vs Lake Forest, 7:30 p.m.
>Downhill skiing, college ID night, 5 p.m. Christie Mountain, Bruce, WI, $10.

Saturday, Feb. 7
>M & W Track hosts Warren Bowlus Open, 12 p.m.
>Sushi Burgers, comedy show, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Huff's, $4.
>Hockey vs. St. Norbert, 7:30 p.m.
>Prairie Storm,Snowcross, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8
>Prairie Storm, Snowcross, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 9
>Auditions for Our Town, 6:30 p.m., Harvey Hall Theatre.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
>Auditions for Our Town, 6:30 p.m., Harvey Hall Theatre.
>Men's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11
>Campus Alcohol Anonymous meeting, 12 p.m., Badger room, Student Center.
>Women's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse, 7 p.m.
>Skate Skiing Workshop, 7 p.m., Equipment is provided, trail pass, $3.
>Tim Young, Comedian, 8 p.m., Huff's, $2.50 students.

Thursday, Feb. 12
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m., Acoustic Café.
>Sushi Burgers, comedy show, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Huff's, $4.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Low calorie and high fun



SUSHI REVIEW
Eric Iverson



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Sushi Burgers consists of short acts that feature various cast members with big personalities and just a few props. The skit above is about schuvintistic husbands in a bar who make fun of a dorky guy.

Looking for a cheap date for Valentines Day? Me too. Well, I found one for you and your significant other. For the fifth year in a row, the Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society is sponsoring "Sushiburgers," a comedy sketch show written, directed and produced by University of Wisconsin-Stout students.

The show has been such a success that the troupe has added additional shows for this season. Performances will be held on February 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. in Huff's for just $4! The show lasts about the same length and is at least three times funnier than any comedy out there.

I had a chance to catch a dress rehearsal this Wednesday, and let me tell you, I plan on going to more than one show. I would compare the skits in "Sushiburgers" to something you'd see on "Saturday Night Live," "MAD TV" or "Kids in the Hall."

"The audience should expect college type humor," said producer and cast member Bethany Reading, a senior in vocational rehabilitation. "Yes, there is swearing and other adult content, but we try not to overdo any type of sexual humor or swearing on stage."

With skit names such as: "The Amazing Laser," "Animal Behavior" and "Columbian Spiked Coffee," the show goes in all directions, and each skit is funnier than the next.

"It's a great group of kids, and it's a lot of fun," said Nate Reed, a senior in graphic design. "I encourage everyone to come and see the fifth installment of the show."

There is more energy on stage than a room full of seven-year-olds high on Halloween candy. Each skit has different actors, subjects and kinds of humor.

"It's hilarious; it's like 'Whose line is it anyway?' on Comedy Central," said actor Eric Albers, a senior in service management. "It's a great time, and it's cool because a school organization puts it on."

Auditions took place in November, so there were only three months to get the cast in gear. The overall cast consists of five smaller casts containing four to six actors.

"It is a fast paced show filled with very minimal props and lots of excitement," said Reading. "The audience pulls the skits out of a hat so we, the cast, have no idea when we will jump up on stage to do a skit."

Sushiburgers began in 1999 when theater director Dr. James "Doc" Miller was on sabbatical. The National Theatre Honors Society, Alpha Psi Omega, decided they should put on some sort of entertainment since Doc was not doing his usual fall show.

Reading said they never imagined it would turn into such a huge show but they are grateful that they can make people laugh, and have the name "Sushiburgers" stick in people's minds.

Commercials lack entertainment



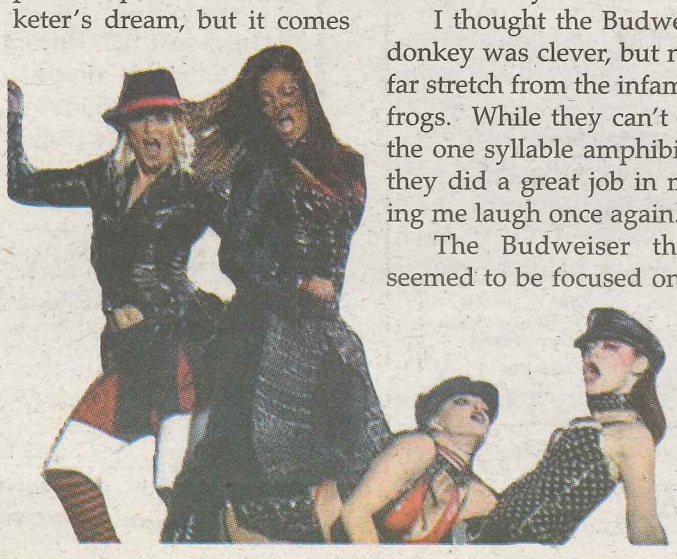
TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

A spot during the anticipated Super Bowl is a marketer's dream, but it comes with a hefty price and a brutal audience. A 30-second commercial during the game was about $2.25 million, not including production costs.

I expected blockbuster hits when I sat down, but was disappointed and annoyed at the frequency of bad commercials. I did, however have my favorite few.

I thought the Budweiser donkey was clever, but not a far stretch from the infamous frogs. While they can't beat the one syllable amphibians, they did a great job in making me laugh once again.

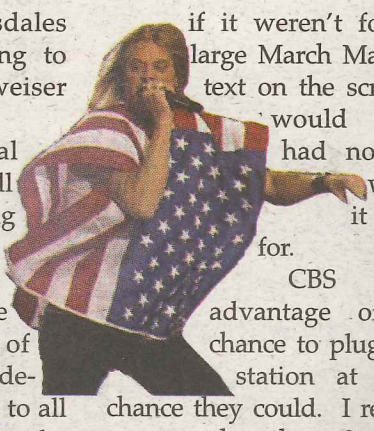
The Budweiser theme seemed to be focused on the legacy of the Clydesdales with the donkey trying to become a Budweiser Clydesdale.



The commercial where various football players sang "Tomorrow" was peculiar, amusing and had a great message at the end. It said, "As of tomorrow we're all undefeated again," referring to all of the teams that didn't make it to Super Bowl.

It seemed that if a clever plot could not be found, companies relied on the appeal of celebrities to sell their product or cause.

These commercials weren't dynamic as others, and the message was often lost in their famous face. There were a couple commercials for March Madness featuring Samuel L. Jackson, and if it weren't for the large March Madness text on the screen, I would have had no idea what it was for.



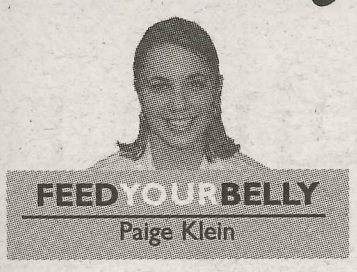
CBS took advantage of the chance to plug their station at every chance they could. I refused to watch the Survivor Reunion just because I was sick of seeing the commercial every fifteen minutes.

Like commercials, the halftime show draws many people to the Super Bowl. This year I would have rather watched three hours of commercials than be subject to sit through the five-minute lip-syncing concert of overplayed hits. The only

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Satisfy midnight munchies



FEED YOUR BELLY
Paige Klein

It is the weekend, and you are hanging out late at night with friends. Suddenly, you hear a low growl. Is it a prowler outside the room? No! It's your stomach signaling that you are hungry for a late-night snack.

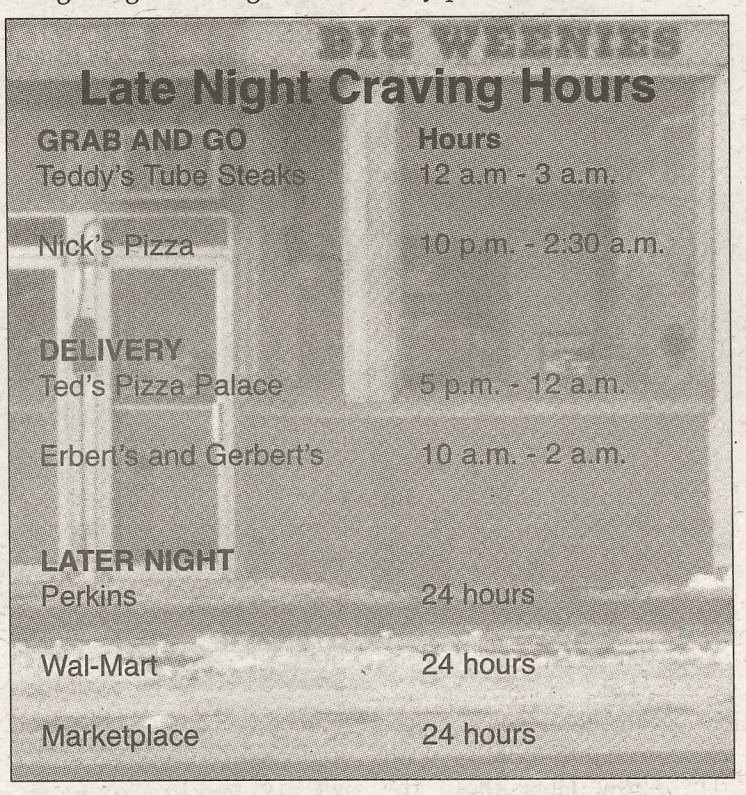
Now the big question is "What's actually open?" For most Menomonie restaurants, 10 p.m. is the typical cutoff time for kitchens to shut down for the night. However, there are the select few that stay open to satisfy those midnight cravings.

Of course, there are the usual pizza and fast food places such as Pizza Hut, Dominos, Burger King and Wendy's, but it is the out-of-the ordinary establishments that catch your attention.

For instance, there are those locations that purposely do not open until 10 or 11 p.m. starting on Thursdays until Saturdays. Two examples are Nick's Pizza and Teddy's Tube Steaks. Both are located on Broadway and offer inexpensive options. You can buy a slice of pizza, nachos, or brownies for $2 or less at Nick's Pizza. At Teddy's Tube Steaks you have a choice of regular hot dogs, chili dogs or chili cheese dogs, each for only $1. The downside is the cash and carry policy.

Next, you could decide it is too cold outside and have food delivered. A sampling of some favorites include Ted's Pizza Palace and Erbert's and Gerbert. With the Erb's and Gerb's choice, you will mostly deal with sub sandwiches and soup. Ted's offers pizza, sandwiches and gyros. Both will deliver until at least 1 a.m. Plus, it does not hurt to tip the drivers that are venturing out into the cold for you.

That may be fine, but now it is after 3 a.m. and you may be pulling an all-nighter or just getting off work. You just cannot ignore that gurgling and grumbling noise any longer. You need food! The 24 hour spot now comes into play. So, if you are getting food to-go or sit down and eat, Perkins is the establishment to visit. As long as you order something, you can unwind and feed that belly. Otherwise, Wal-Mart and Marketplace are open 24 hours for the late night /early morning grocery purchases.



30 seconds / cost millions

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artists that actually took the energy to sing were Kid Rock and Justin Timberlake.

In true MTV style, the exposing of Janet Jackson's right breast to up the shock factor of this horrible show.

Congratulations MTV, once again.

The last spot before Survivor was taken by Subway, and what a great commercial to end the Super Bowl experience with. Subway's recent slogan "So you can feel good about being good, and OK about being bad" initially produced funny commercials, but after a while they began to lose their comic appeal. The commercial aired late Sunday mocked a public service announcement telling patrons that they aren't justified to be a menace to society just because they ate Subway, but they could eat bad.

Overall, Super Bowl commercials and entertainment fell short of my expectations, but it's hard to enjoy things once you become a critic.

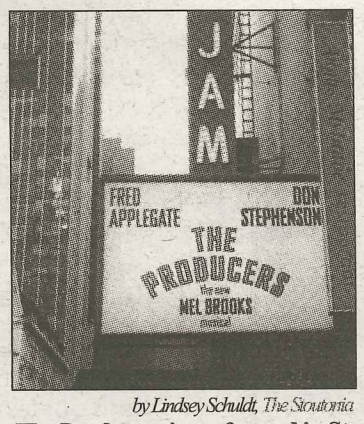
Broadway musical produces Tonys

Lindsey Schuldt

If you love musicals or even if you hate musicals, you will leave the theater absolutely loving Mel Brooks' amazing Broadway musical "The Producers." This show is deserving of winning the most Tony awards of any Broadway show in history.

Although I did not get to see it with award-winning Nathan Lane in the lead role of Max, Fred Appelgate did a stunning job portraying an upscale producer who has come out with his first flop.

The show opens ironically with the opening of a Broadway show. It is expected to be a hit since the producer, Max, has only ever made amazing shows.



by Lindsey Schuldt, The Stoutonia
The Producers is performed in St. James Theater in Manhattan.

Within the next five minutes, the show closes on opening night and Max is forced to go home to try to think of a way to make more money.

His accountant, Leo, accidentally discovers that if Max produces a flop, he would make a killing in profit. So after some scheming, Max convinces Leo to leave his low paying accountant job to pursue the career of a producer.

They decide to do a show entitled "Springtime for Hitler" in which dancing pigeons help to glorify Hitler's name. They pick the worst director, the worst actors and the worst plot line a sure flop for the theater.

Unfortunately, for Max, who puts a ladder in front of the door for all of the staff to walk under before the show, breaks several mirrors on stage and unloads a car full of black cats into the theater to assure a flop, has no such luck.

His lead actor breaks his leg before the performance allowing the overtly gay director to take his place. This director goes on to glorify Hitler in a fluffy and sparkling manner, creating hysteria from all of the crowd.

Incredibly funny with a solid plot line, "The Producers" lived up to all expectations. Though the ending was more drawn out than perhaps needed, the entirety of the play was not ruined by a small dry spell.

Though perhaps getting less of the acclaim, yet stealing the show, was the lead actress Uma (played by Kelly Severson), a Swedish girl who fell for Leo. Her off-key Swedish accent, along with the ability to draw the crowd into each scene, was astounding.

"The Producers" captures your attention from the very beginning and never lets it go.

Once again, Mel Brooks seems to have struck gold.

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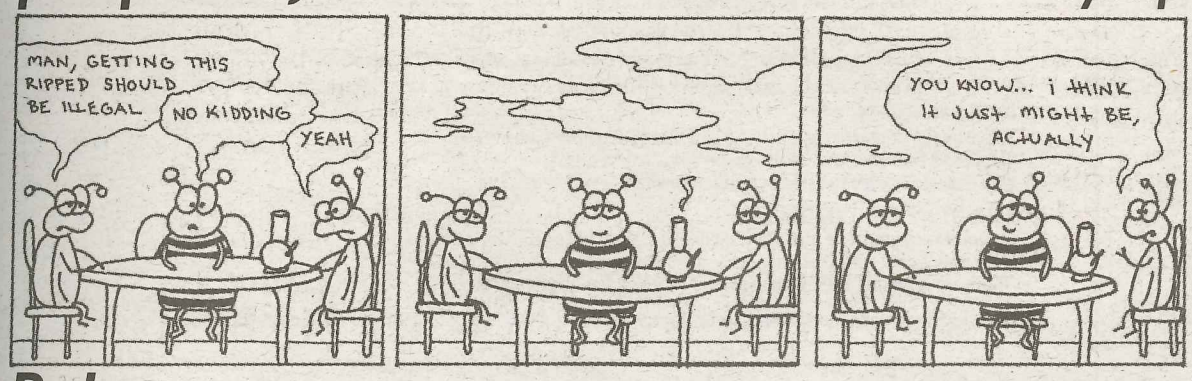
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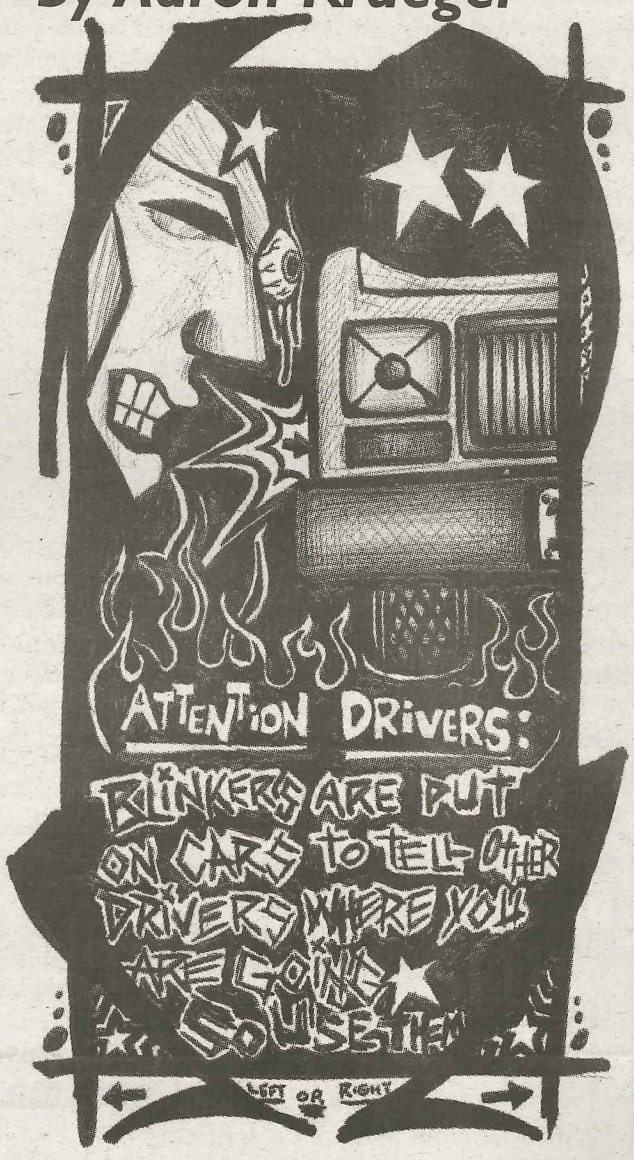
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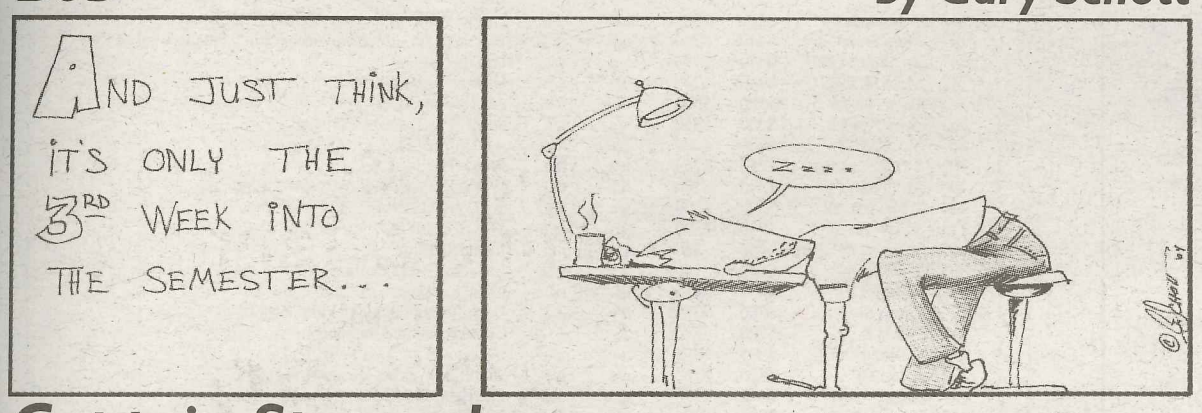
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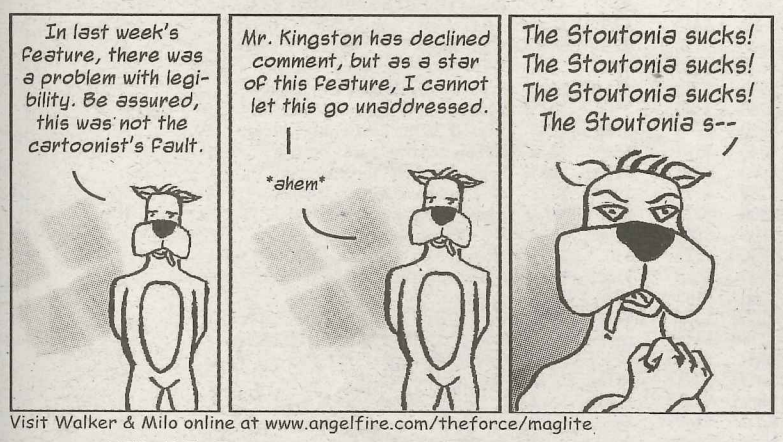
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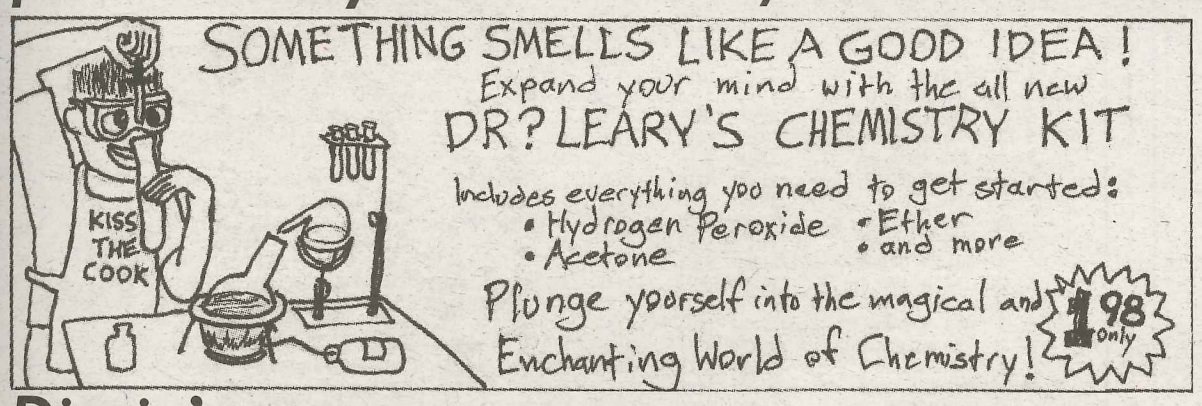


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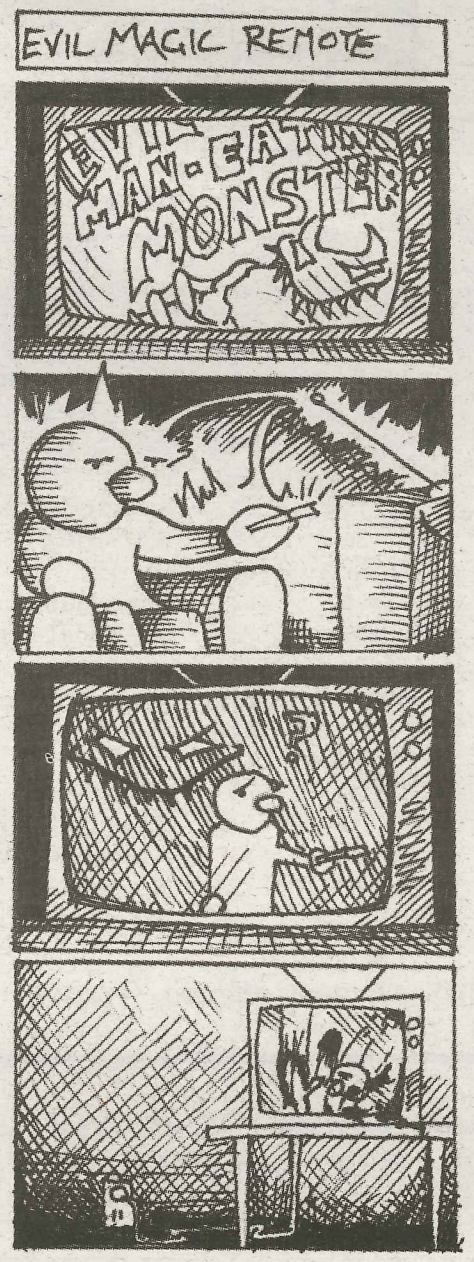
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Basketball/record

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court and rims at the Johnson Fieldhouse are new this season.

"It's such a great basketball atmosphere in there," said Gardow. "It's the big time now."

The UW-La Crosse Eagles are last in the WIAC standings, but Head Coach Ed Andrist stressed that since the Eagles just beat the Blugolds the team will feel like it can beat anyone right now.

"They are a team with nothing to lose and everything to gain," said Andrist.

Playing at Johnson Fieldhouse is exciting for both the Blue Devils and its opponents.

"Ask the other players in the league and they will tell you that they like to play games at UW-Stout because we have the crowd," said Gardow. "People enjoy watching our style of play. You get to see some dunks, some three-pointers and some great basketball overall."

Both coaches enjoyed the idea that if it were possible to make the Division III Blue Devils student section like the Division I Duke Blue Devils student section, UW-Stout would win the attendance crown without a problem.

Last year, the team averaged 1,100 attendees per game, and this year they are averaging 1,500.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevenss Point is only 40 fans-per-game behind UW-Stout's pace.

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"We only have three home games left," said Andrist. "We need to get the gym rocking."

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4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	2	1415 8th Street	$1000	$250	$1150	$288	Upgraded recently,great location,parking,W/D	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1380	$345	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2	516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1325	$265	$1500	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer drye	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1100	$220	$1300	$260	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1050	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	205 W17th Ave C	$1,650	$275	$1825	$305	NEW,Super location,WASHER/DRYER,Dish/W	4
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	
7	2	820 11th St.	$1820	$260	$2100	$300	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St..	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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Hitting the ground and running

Wesley Simonis

The Blue Devil men's and women's track and field teams have already started their season regardless of the outside temperature.

Athough the season has just kicked off, the signs look good as the men and women have started strong.

Both teams were runners up last week in a tournament hosted by the Blue Devils, and on the women's side, records have already been broken since the season began.

In his second year as University of Wisconsin-Stout men's track and field coach, Josh Buchholtz has high hopes for his runners.

After tying for sixth place at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Indoor and Outdoor Championships last year, Buchholtz believes his team can place in the upper half of the conference in 2004.

"Seeing so many people dedicated on this team who are lifting, working out and attending team functions is great," said Buchholtz. "I think the commitment will pay off for us, and we will have a good season."

The coaches tried to keep their athletes in shape by having captain's practices throughout the fall.

The men's teams are loaded with experience. The five captains have more than 10 seasons of captain experience combined.

One of the names to watch for on the men's side is Dave Hanson. After being red-shirted last season, he is ready to pick up where he left off two years ago as one of the top 400-hurdlers in the nation.

Hanson placed third at the NCAA outdoor championships in the 400-hurdles, and he holds the school outdoor 400 meter record and shares the indoor 55m-hurdles.

Captain Dave Huber, one of UW-Stout's top distance runners, will also be a leader on the team this season.

Huber is coming off of a good cross country season and will go into the track season charged and strong.

The team can also look forward to getting more time on its home turf. UW-Stout is hosting this year's WIAC indoor championships.

"The guys are pumped up to host the indoor conference meet this year," said Buchholtz. "They are looking at it as this is our house, and that they want to perform well here."

Accompanying the captains are nearly 50 other athletes out for the track and field team, the highest number in years claims Buchholtz.

UW-Stout will host the WIAC Indoor Championships March 5 and 6.

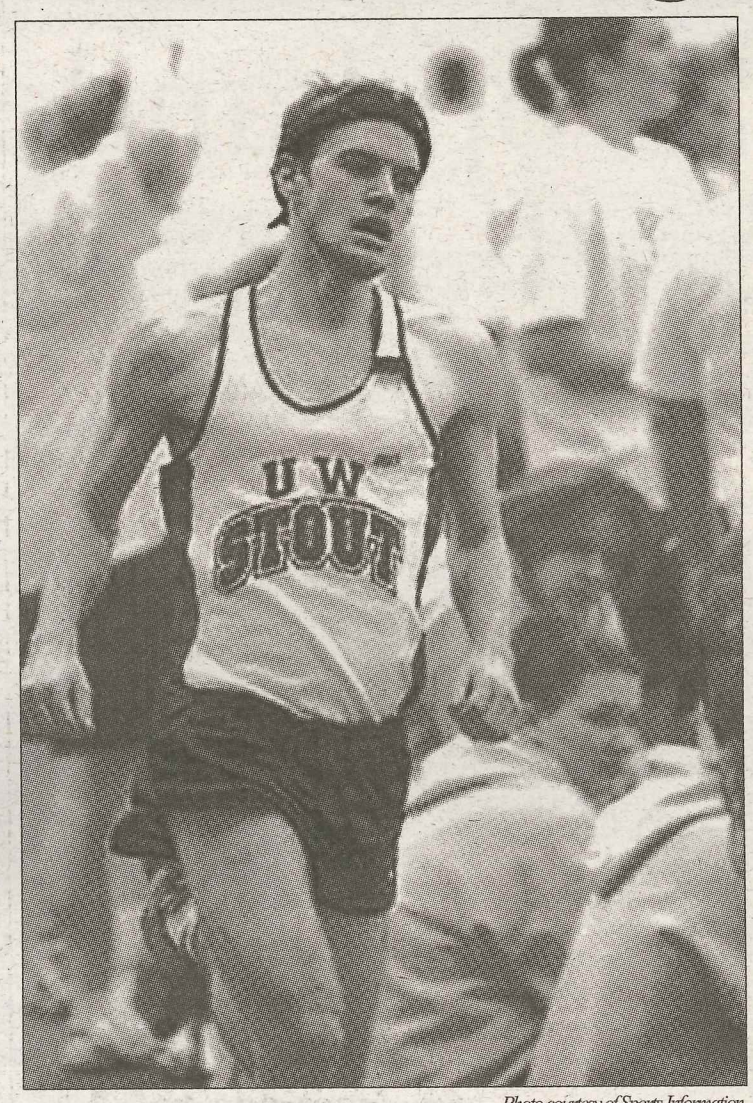


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The mens' team will be looking for strong performances from veteren talent. The teams five captains have over ten years captain experience.

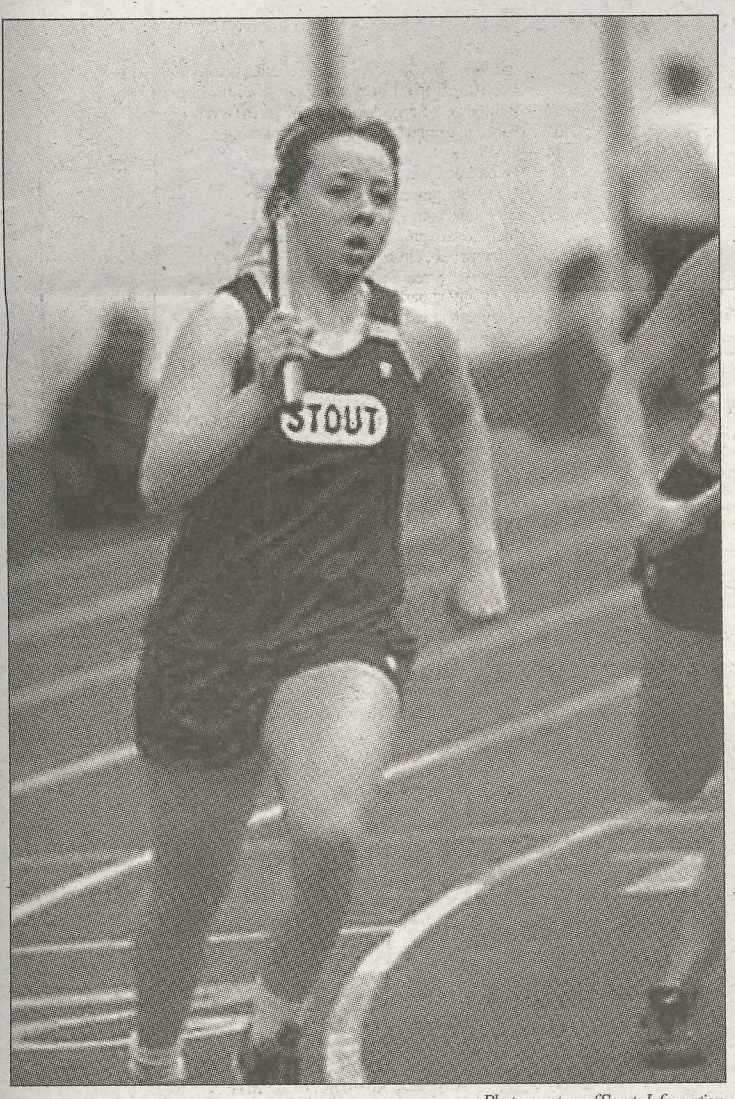


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On the women's team, they look foreward to being able to compete at every event in WIAC competition. They place second at home last week.

On the women's side, fourth year coach Joe Harlan believes his team is on the brink of being great.

"Now that we have enough people out for the team, we are going to drastically improve," said Harlan. "This is the biggest year of change as it will be the first time that we will be able to score in just about every event at the WIAC meets."

It has been a long journey to get this well-balanced team for Harlan. But through great recruiting classes and strong commitment from the upperclassmen, Harlan will field a very respectable team.

One of the strongest elements of the women's team will be throwers. With cousins Ann Schachtner and Marci Schachtner leading this group, the year looks promising.

A. Schachtner was ninth at the 2003 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the shot put during the 2003 outdoor season.

M. Schachtner, a team captain, holds the school record in both the weight throw and hammer throw.

The women will see great improvement in the pole vault. Katie Ploog, the current school pole vault record holder, will be joined by Liana Frisch and Ashley Mills.

Harlan foresees the school record broken numerous times by all three athletes throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Returning to the Blue Devils will be five- time All-American Laura Verdegan, as soon as the UW-Stout women's basketball season ends.

Verdegan has advanced to nationals in both the long and triple jump. She holds the school records for both the indoor and outdoor long and triple jumps.

Competing alongside Verdegan in the long jump and sstriple jump will be Ramona Vann and Samantha Strunk.

Overall, it will be a test for both teams to see how they compare to the rest of the conference.

Both teams should have solid performances in the indoor and outdoor season.

The optimism is high and the drive is intense, so this year could be a break out year for the Blue Devils.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Dave Hanson

Senior Dave Hanson charged ahead of the competition at the University of Wisconsin-Stout open on January 31.

Hanson clocked a provisional qualifying time of 49.70 seconds, which led the rest of the pack by more than two seconds.

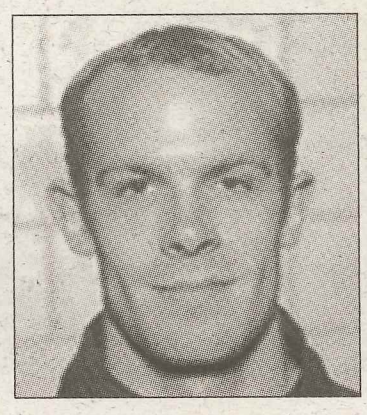
Hanson also had a strong finish in the 55-meter hurdles with a second place finish and a time of 7.94 seconds.

Overall, the men's track and field team placed second at their home meet.

UW-Stout will be hosting four more meets during the indoor season.

The Facts:
Track
senior
Sun Prairie, Wis.
undecided

Took first place in 400-meter dash by over two seconds. Placed second in the hurdles.



Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performance by a UW-Stout athlete.

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Strop handed the reins

Ryan Wessley

We said goodbye to a coaching legend at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and welcomed a first-time collegiate head coach to the college ranks.

Chancellor Charles Sorensen announced at an afternoon press conference that Todd Strop is the new Blue Devils head football coach.

Strop, 35, had been the defensive coordinator for the past six seasons for the Blue Devils, and prior to that he was the head football coach at Durand High School, in Durand, Wis.

Strop was named head football coach when Ed Meierkort decided to leave UW-Stout for the coaching vacancy at the University of South Dakota, NCAA Division II.

Five finalists were in the running for the head coaching position out of over 60 applicants. Some local names were the head football coach at Menomonie High School, Joe LaBuda and Duey Naatz, assistant head coach and co-offensive coordinator.

"With the additions of the new facilities, making students better athletes and the success of past players that have headed to the National Football League, the university will be able to recruit players easier and strive to make the program that much more successful," said Strop.



by Ryan Wessley, The Stoutonia

New UW-Stout football coach, Todd Strop, shakes hands with Chancellor Sorenson during a press conference last Thursday. Strop was the defensive coordinator for the Blue Devils for the past six seasons.

Strop becomes the 18th head football coach for the Blue Devils. He has been the main architect for the defense that has ranked at the top of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) three of the last four years in addition to being nationally ranked twice. The 2002 Blue Devil defense allowed an NCAA Division III low 500 rushing yards and was ranked 13th in overall defense.

"The head coaching position is a wide encompassing job," Strop said. "The challenge will be having my handprint on all aspects of the program, not just on defense."

When Strop walked onto the UW-Stout campus six years ago, he immediately fell in love with the community. Growing up in nearby Ladysmith, Strop was familiar with UW-Stout and the WIAC.

"Growing up in northwest Wisconsin, these are the dream jobs," Strop said.

After a 6-4 record last season, Strop believes UW-Stout has the tools needed to continue to challenge for the top spot in the WIAC.

Attendance is near perfection

Curt Trnka

If you are a frequent visitor to the men's basketball game, feel free to give yourself a pat on the back.

"We can't do it without the students," said men's basketball assistant coach Eric Gardow.

Gardow was referring to the fact that the University of Wisconsin-Stout is leading the WIAC in attendance. If it finishes the season with the most fans in attendance it would be the first time ever UW-Stout has lead the conference in attendance.

To help draw more students to home games, the Blue Devils will be giving away a free semester of tuition at its Feb. 10 home game against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Students get in free with a UW-Stout ID.

"What a great chance to help Mom and Dad out with the bills," said Gardow.

Male and female students will each get a separate ticket, and at halftime three men and three women will be given a chance to win a free semester's worth of tuition. Each selected student will participate in a shoot-out for the tuition.

Recently the Blue Devils basketball teams got a renovated home to play on. The

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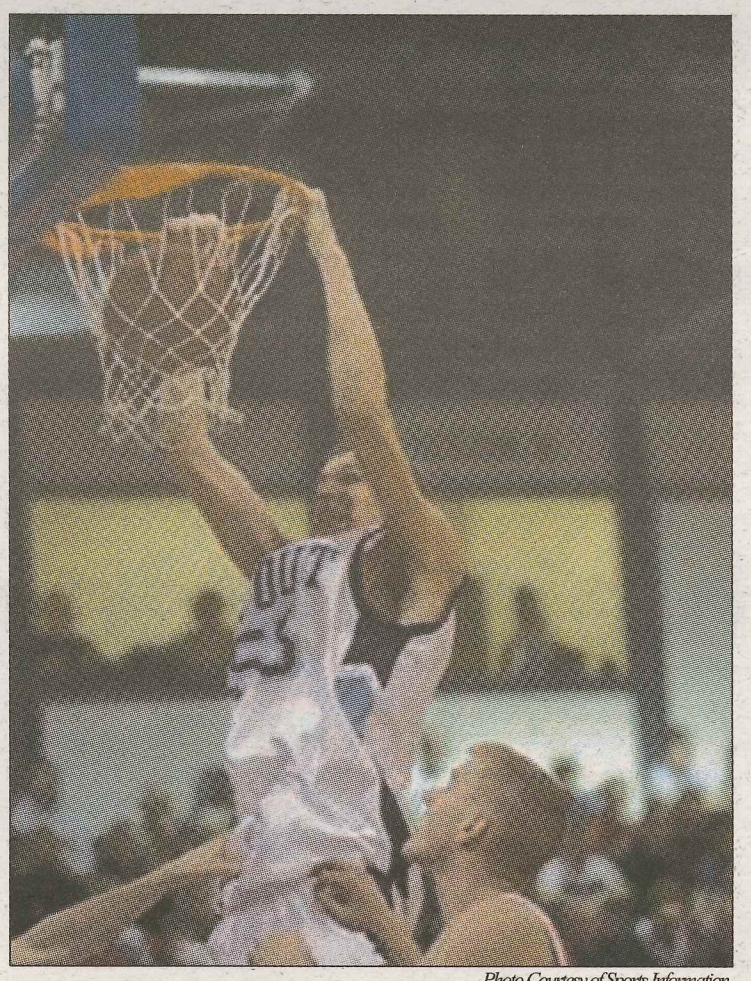


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The Johnson Fieldhouse has been full for nearly every baskeball game this season. An average of 1,500 fans show up for each basketball game.

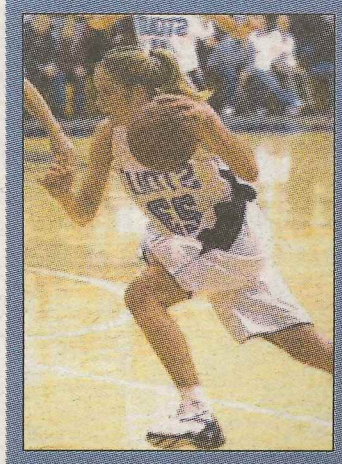
BLUE scoreboard DEVIL

Gymnastics
Stout vs. Whitewater
167.925-166.325
Next Game:
Friday, Feb. 6 hosting
UW-La Crosse
UW-Eau Claire

Hockey
Stout vs. Superior
0-8
Next Game:
Friday, Feb. 6 hosting
Lake Forest College

Men's Basketball
Stout vs. Superior
73-59
Next Game:
Tuesday, Feb .10
hosting UW-La Crosse

Women's Basketball
Stout vs. Platteville
55-67
Next Game:
Wednesday, Feb. 11
hosting UW-La Crosse



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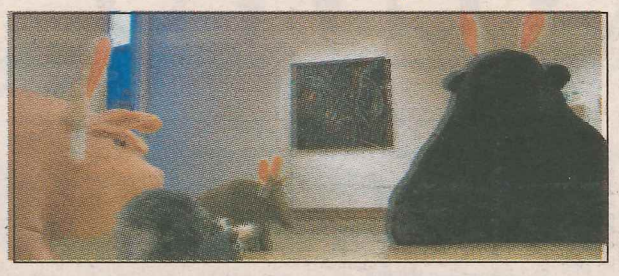
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The newspaper by the students for the University of Wisconsin-Stout community

entertainment

The annual Faculty Exhibition opened on Tuesday. Fifteen artists are displaying their work outside of class. p. 13



Lyall announces retirement

Amanda Herr

Katharine Lyall, president of the University of Wisconsin System, announced last Wednesday that she will be retiring after 12 years of service.

Lyall, 62, said she would stay until her replacement arrives or until Sept. 1 at the latest. In September, she will begin a year's appointment as a visiting senior scholar of economics at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in Palo Alto, Calif.

"It has been extremely exciting to lead to the world's best university system and a great privilege to serve the people of Wisconsin in that role," Lyall said in a press release. "I leave with a great sense of pride in all we have accomplished, especially in the more than 300,000 students who have graduated from our four-year campuses during my tenure."

After serving for eight months as acting president, Lyall was named president of the UW System in April 1992. She succeeded Kenneth (Buzz) Shaw, who had left to be the chancellor at Syracuse University.

Lyall served as executive vice president for five years under Shaw, having come to the UW System as vice president for academic affairs and professor of economics from The Johns Hopkins University in 1982.

John Wesoloek, dean of the College of Human Development, has been at the University of Wisconsin-Stout since 1969 and has seen the university go through many changes.

"I feel Katharine was a very strong leader for us and always had stable growth and continuous quality improvement of our state's higher education system in mind when she made key decisions," Wesolek said.

"The continuous erosion of state dollars to support the UW System was, I believe, a growing disappointment for her," Wesolek said. "Recent significant cuts caused her to think differently on how we sustain quality without additional dollars."

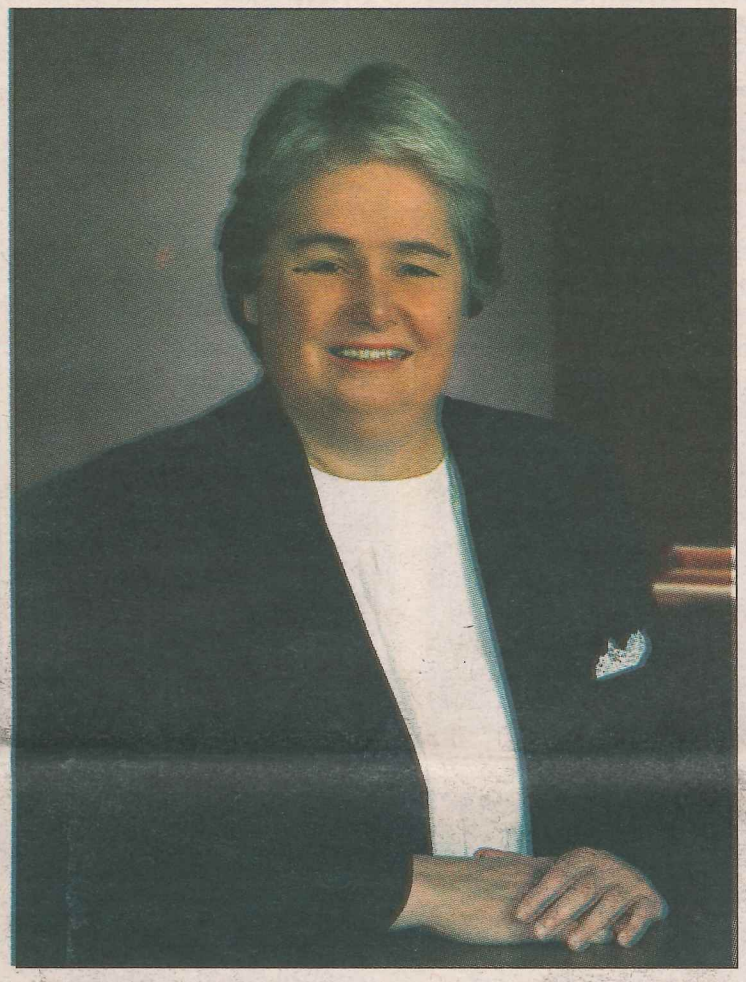


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After 12 years of serving as president of the UW System, Katharine Lyall has announced she will retire at the end of this academic year. The Board of Regents plans to name a successor by the end of June.

Lyall's tenure had many challenges with sharp state budget cutbacks in the mid-1990s and again over the past two years.

According to a UW System press release, she responded by streamlining the university's bureaucracy, downsizing the UW System staff and making the system the most efficient university system in the United States, a feat for which she has been recognized by higher education leaders.

"Katharine Lyall is one of higher education's most gifted leaders," Donna Shalala, former UW-Madison Chancellor and Health and Human Services Secretary, said in a press release. "She has significantly increased the quality of the System's institutions."

Shalala is now president of the University of Miami.

Lyall hired more than 50 chancellors, some of whom have gone on to lead higher education systems and prestigious organizations across the country.

Many credit Lyall for helping the UW's collection of 15 institutions evolve into a much more collaborative and interdependent system during the past 12 years.

"She understood and respected the mission of each of the campuses," said UW-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen. "She encourage UW-Stout to plan and implement new academic programs such as applied science and engineering.

"She strongly endorsed and supported our e-Scholar initiative."

According to John Enger, Director of University Relations, finding a replacement for Lyall will be difficult given the current financial climate.

"Her successor must be able to lead the system through fundamental change to meet the state's needs in the 21st century, while preserving its core mission," Enger said.

Toby Marcovich, president of the Board of Regents, said he will put the presidential search on a fast track, appointing a search-and-screen committee within the next few weeks with the goal of having the Regents name a successor to Lyall by June.

"We will search throughout the nation for the best possible candidate to fill this critical position because it will take an extraordinary individual to follow in President Lyall's footsteps," Marcovich said in a UW statement.

Lyall is the first woman ever to serve as UW System president. Her 12-year term as president represents one of the longest tenures of any university system president in modern times. The national average is now less than five years for such a post.

Wesolek said, "I believe that her successor will have to be a person who is adept at politics and gaining resources from state government."

By-the-Numbers

Katharine Lyall
UW System President

4 million square feet of new space built on UW campuses

7 Billion dollars in donations since 1991

10 Percent of UW students of color currently enrolled

33 Percent of Wisconsin high school graduates who attend a UW school

300 Thousand of UW graduates who have Lyall's signature on their diploma

Old newspapers found in a Menomonie attic reveal a piece of UW-Stout history

Amanda Herr

Nineteen Stoutonia newspapers dating back to 1937 and 1938 were recently discovered in the attic of a Menomonie home.

The papers were found in student Ryan Eller's home by an electrician who was doing work in the attic.

At the time, the University of Wisconsin-Stout was known as The Stout Institute. A year's subscription to The Stoutonia cost $1.

The Orpheum movie theater was showing A Damsel in Distress, starring Fred Astaire. There was also an extra showing of motion pictures of the recent Menomonie ski meet.

The Grand movie theater was showing Ronald Reagan in Sergeant Murphy.

The following are excerpts from the Feb. 11, 1938, issue – 66 years ago this week.

SSA officer petitions

Petitions for officers of Stout Student Association must be filed by Tuesday Noon, March 15, according to information released by Mr. Good, chairman of the Committee on Student Affairs. Election of officers will be on Thursday, March 24.

SSA election is during the eighth week of the third quarter as the result of passing an amendment to the SSA constitution last year.

This was passed in order that the newly elected officers would be able to become familiar with their work before the beginning of the new session in the fall which woud enable them to proceed more easily with homecoming preparations.

Student study habits

Study habits of students have been brought to light through an investigation by faculty committee headed by Dr. Laban Smith who was assisted by Dr. Boyd C.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 34° Low 8° Partly Cloudy	High 19° Low -3° Snow Showers	High 12° Low 5° Partly Cloudy

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Computer hacked

On Jan 31, a student in Froggatt Hall called police to report an unknown program on her computer. The program, Remote Administrator, allows a third party to view activity on someone's computer, including Web sites visited, monitor key strokes, and usernames and "invisible" passwords. The student was concerned that someone had been monitoring her computer while she was accessing her Stout One account and banking records. She feared the person monitoring could have access to her accounts and passwords.

A University of Wisconsin-Stout computer expert said there was most likely not any immediate threat to the UW-Stout network. He stated the program was most likely the result of a virus or hacker randomly attacking available computers. The student was advised to leave her computer off until she could get further examination of her computer by ASK 5000.

Roommmate disagreement

A student called UW-Stout police on Feb. 1 when she and her roommate broke out in a shouting match. The two roommates have not been getting along, especially when both of their respective boyfriends are involved. When police arrived during the argument, the hall director was present and all agreed that the two students should no longer room together.

Smells like marijuana

UW-Stout police responded to a call from an Antrim-Froggatt hall director about an odor of marijuana on Feb. 2. The hall director reported smelling a strong odor of marijuana outside room 315 Antrim Hall. When police arrived, the officer also noticed a slight smell of marijuana. The officer was given permission by the residents of the room to enter and search the room..

When the officer entered the room he smelled a very strong odor of marijuana in the room and on the individuals in the room. The search did not find any contraband and the individuals in the room denied smoking marijuana and stated that they did not smell marijuana in the room. The officer spoke with all individuals about the situation and left the scene. The officer had dealt with them on a previous marijuana complaint.

Lost keys

A student reported on Feb. 6 that while she was at a house party, she lost her coat, which had UW-Stout university keys in its pocket. She had taken the coat off and set it down. When she was leaving, the coat and keys were gone. The keys lost give access to a room in the Home Economics Building and her dorm room.

Vote 2004

Stoutonia Staff

The democratic candidate road show has entered Wisconsin in preparation for the Feb. 17 presidential primary; the outcome may be curtains for Howard Dean if he is unable to take the spotlight away from the star of the show, Sen. John Kerry.

After Kerry's surprisingly fine performance in the South, claiming Virginia and Tennessee, the remaining candidates are tuning up for their acts in Wisconsin. Thus far, Dean has not been called for an encore, failing to win a single state during the grueling campaign tour.

Sen. John Edwards, the only one to steal the show from Kerry thus far, is hoping Dean will pack his bags and head home for Vermont after the Wisconsin spectacle.

Reuters reported that Dean launched a verbal assault on Kerry Wednesday, saying that Kerry was a member of Washington's decomposing culture.

Edwards told the Associated Press (AP) that he is planning to emphasize the out-sourcing of jobs and the ins and outs of foreign trade while touring Wisconsin. He said he has no intention of dropping out of the race.

A Reuters report said Edwards intends to spend the bulk of his time in Wisconsin until next Tuesday's feature. Edwards addressed students at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Wednesday, offering a new twist to an worn out phrase.

"The real solution to this is to outsource this administration."

Edward's campaign committee is backing him all the way to Washington.

"I'm going to be the nominee," Edwards said in an AP interview. "I'm definitely staying in."

Wesley Clark pulled the plug Wednesday on his campaign saying that it was an honor and a call to duty to run in the campaign.

Tracy Schletz, an undecided sophomore, is not following the political melee. Her sentiment is that more informed people should do the voting. Schletz said she would probably not vote "as long as the country is going good."

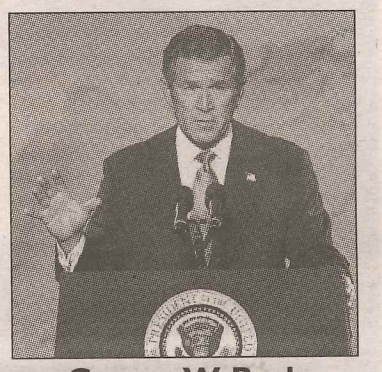
A group of students shooting pool in the recreation room expressed a common campus sentiment when asked about the upcoming primary.

"What's a primary?"

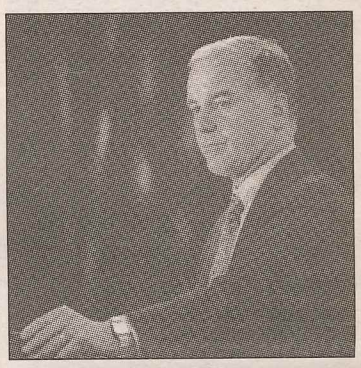
Wisconsin presidential primaries are normally held during the Apr. 6 state elections.

According to the latest delegate tally, Kerry has 515; Dean, 182; Edwards, 166; Sharpton, 12; Kucinich, 2; and, other, 1. A total of 2162 delegates are needed to win the nomination.

Editor's note: This table is a compilation of candidate stances on a variety of issues. All statements were taken from the respective candidate's campaign Web site or http://www.nytimes.com.



George W. Bush



Howard Dean

	George W. Bush	Howard Dean
Party	Republican	Democrat
Birthdate	July 6, 1946	Nov. 17, 1948
Religion	Methodist	Congregationalist
Career Highlights	Partner, Texas Rangers baseball team; Governor of Texas, 1995-2000	Governor of Vermont, 1991-2002; Lieutenant Governor, 1987-91
Campaign Web site	http://www.georgewbush.com	http://www.deanforamerica.com
On the Issues		
Abortion	Opposes abortion; Signed legislation to outlaw partial-birth abortion, law has been blocked by the courts	Favors abortion rights, but opposes ban on partial-birth abortions
Affirmative Action	Opposes racial quotas and racial preferences	Supports affirmative action policies; Supports Native American rights and gays in the military
Education	Implemented No Child Left Behind Act, promises more resources to schools and help for failing schools	Has proposed plan that guarantees students who commit in eighth grade to pursuing higher education will have the resources
Healthcare	Has proposed a new system that would give Medicare recipients healthcare choices and ease costs for seniors	During tenure as governor of Vermont, 92 percent of adults had health insurance; Believes he can do the same for the U.S.
Homeland Security	Created the Department of Homeland Security; Believes president's most important job is to protect America's land	Opposed to war in Iraq; Will seek to restore best traditions of American leadership
Jobs	Signed bill that will encourage job creation by providing tax relief and giving small businesses incentives to grow	Favors raising the minumum wage; Favors unemployment benefits; Would repeal Bush's tax cuts

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Vote fails to override concealed weapons bill

Chelsea Rickert

The State Assembly was one vote short in its attempt to override Governor Doyle's veto of the Personal Protection Act (PPA) on Feb. 3. After many postponements the bill finally found an absolution; it will not become a law.

"I don't support [the conceal and carry bill] and have not supported it," said Lisa Walter, chief of police for the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Walter thinks there were too many loopholes in the bill. She believes that the bill should exclude the allowance of concealed weapons, not just in campus buildings and on campus grounds, but within the campus community entirely.

"There is no request for hands-on training like law enforcement must experience," Walter said. "Statistics say if there are more guns in a residential area there are more shootings."

Matt Linne, a junior majoring in general business administration and the treasurer for the College Republicans, disagrees.

"Ninety-eight percent of the time the aggressor is frightened away at the sight of a weapon," Linne said. "A cop shows up 1.9 percent of the time. Very rarely does a gun actually go off; less than 0.1 percent."

And as for the hands-on training, Linne also disagrees with Walter.

"The bill requires 40 hours of extensive training," Linne said. These 40 hours are spread out over six weeks of training at a range.

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>
> **Patrick Stinnet**
> *UW-Stout College Democrats*

"It's basically like law enforcement training," Linne said.

Linne said that the PPA is important to university students because he believes some students need the extra security.

"Especially female students afraid to walk at night," Linne said. "If you had a stalker, would you want to lock yourself in your room? As far as on campus, a very likely place for a woman to get abducted is going to class."

Patrick Stinnet of the UW-Stout College Democrats thinks that the vote against the bill is good for Wisconsin. He worries about the dangers the bill could introduce to police and citizens alike.

"I don't see why we need guns that people can carry around concealed," Stinnet said. "What happens when someone gets drunk and has a gun handy to take out [someone that angered him or her]?"

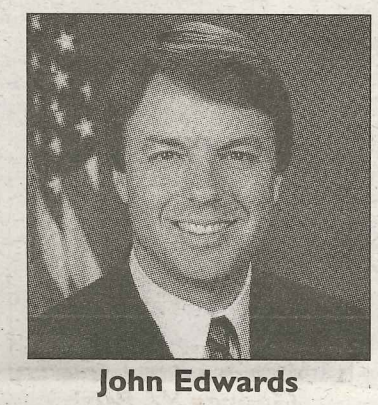
Stinnet explained that a certain clause of the bill worried him. The clause would not allow police to check the record of an individual to see if he or she possessed a carry and conceal weapon.

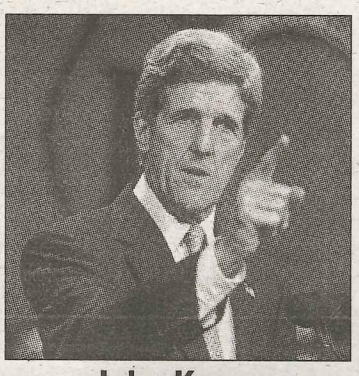
"I am glad that the issue is stopped and will not come up in Wisconsin again," Stinnet said.

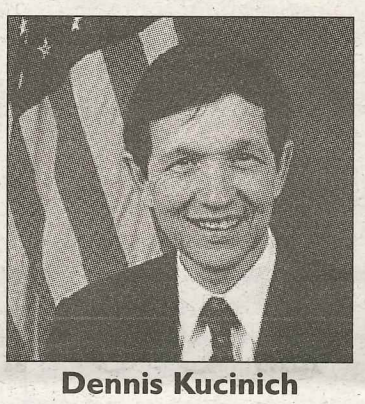
Doyle's veto has preserved a 134-year ban on concealed weapons in Wisconsin. Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska are the only other states that have a similar ban.

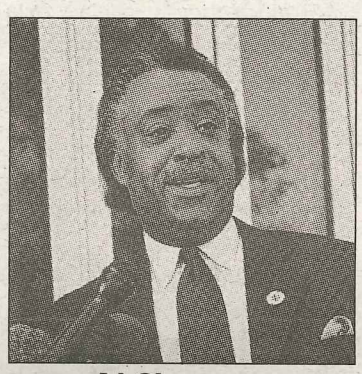
According to a statement on the Wisconsin Concealed Carry Association's Web site, state Representative Scott Gunderson, R-Union Grove, and Senator Dave Zien, R-Eau Claire, have promised to introduce a new PPA bill this fall.

Editor's note: This table is a compilation of candidate stances on a variety of issues. All statements were taken from the respective candidate's campaign Web site or http://www.nytimes.com.









	John Edwards	John Kerry	Dennis Kucinich	Al Sharpton
Party	Democrat	Democrat	Democrat	Democrat
Birthdate	June 10, 1953	Dec. 11, 1943	Oct. 8, 1946	Oct. 3, 1954
Religion	Methodist	Roman Catholic	Roman Catholic	Baptist
Career Highlights	U.S. Senate, 1999-present	Lawyer; county prosecuter; U.S. Senate, 1985-present	Mayor of Cleveland, 1977-79; Ohio Senate, 1995-97; U.S. House, 1997-present	Civil rights activist; candidate for U.S. Senate, 1992 and 1994
Campaign Web site	http://www.johnedwards2004.com	http://www.johnkerry.com	http://thespiritoffreedom.com	http://www.sharpton2004.org
On the Issues				
Abortion	Favors abortion rights; Missed Senate vote on partial-birth abortion ban but has said he would support it	Favors abortion rights; Believes women have the right to choose	Favors abortion rights; Believes women have the right to choose	Religion has taught him abortion is wrong; Believes not giving women the right to choose is a human rights violation
Affirmative Action	Supports affirmative action policies; Would work to ensure fair admissions to colleges and universities	Supports affirmative action policies; Promotes programs that seek to enhance diversity	Supports affirmative action policies; Believes diversity is a strength, not a weakness	Supports affirmative action policies;
Education	Has plan to provide students with one year of free tuition to public universities and community colleges	Advocates public education; Opposes one-size-fits-all testing that is a part of the No Child Left Behind Act	Supports Head Start program; Introduced Universal Pre-Kindergarten Act to Congress	Wants a constitutional amendment to guarantee a high quality education for all; Believes education is a human right
Healthcare	Would make high-quality insurance affordable for every family through $25 billion in tax credits	Would give all Americans access to the Federal Employees Health Care Benefits program	Favors national health insurance providing single-payer universal health care	Wants to amend the Constitution to assure the right to health care of equal quality for everyone
Homeland Security	Has introduced eight bills to improve domestic defense; Helping to lead fight for tighter security at U.S. chemical plants	Would make homeland security the focus of the National Guard and AmeriCorps	Voted against the Patriot Act; Vows to repeal the act	Opposes the Patriot Act
Jobs	Would create jobs with a 10 percent tax credit for companies that keep jobs in America	Would stop education cuts and tax raises that are inhibiting economic growth and causing layoffs	Job creation program based on rebuilding America's failing infrastructure	Calls for spending $50 billion a year over five years on highways, railways and infrastructure

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Shafer, Dr. Freda Bachmann, Dr. Isabella Williams, and Mr. Harold Cooke. The conclusions of the study are based on the information obtained by the committee from a questionnaire.

In general, it was found that the study habits of many students at Stout are not effective. Between fifty and eighty percent of the student body do not attempt to discover why a teacher selects a certain sequence of topics; do not question the source of an author's statement; do not have a regular plan of study or do not follow such a plan with regularity....

Several practices discovered by the committee that are indications of inefficient study habits practiced by between fifty and eighty percent of the students were frequent skipping of graphs or tables in text books, taking notes in class as rapidly as possible, often writing the answer to a question only to find that it is the answer to some other question on the examination....

The students at Stout find between 6 and 14 words a day the meanings of which they do not know. It was also found that the students average about two hours of study for each hour of academic recitation.

Stunt Night

Eight annual Stunt Night features real competition. Prize stunt on a new competitive basis is promised by the faculty. Over a half dozen of the school's leading clubs and groups have thrown hats into the ring indicating that they will vigorously compete against one another in Stunt Night exercises to be sponsored by the YMCA February 26, in the auditorium.

The YMCA, through its Stunt Night Committee, headed by Joseph Stangl, calls for the entire student body's cooperation to make this year's Stunt Night the best and most profitable ever put on.

"More details and dope on the event will be printed next week, and until then, let's have every organization in school sign its name to our program sheet," Joseph Stangl, general chairman of the Stunt Nite Committee says. "With everyone's cooperation it'll be a big event, eh boys?"

Corridor sales limited

Corridor sales will be limited hereafter according to President Burton E. Nelson, who has issued an announcement concerning the various sales which have in the past "cluttered up" the corridor of the Home Economics building. Any organization wishing to sponsor a sale will be required to put in a written application to President Nelson.

Ad from 1938



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4	1120 15th Ave	$620	Very Large Bedroom, W/D
4	309 14th Ave	$760	W/D, Good Location
4	1314 8th St	$780	W/D, Garage
5	1121 6th Ave	$700	House, Gas Heat
5	1120 1/2 15th Ave	$800	W/D, Large Rooms
5	1115 17th Ave	$750	Very Large, W/D
6	1402 8th St	$750	W/D, Gas Heat
6	114 A 17th Ave	$1050	Super Location, W/D
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Valentine Day lifestyle for all



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

Is Valentine's Day just a made up holiday?

No. We think it's safe to assume that Hallmark made it.

Is it just for women? Not exactly. Men look forward to Valentine's night.

What do women get out of Valentine's Day? Usually flowers, chocolates or jewelry.

What do men get out of it? Nothing, if they aren't good to their women.

What is the perfect gift for a woman for Valentine's Day? A little thought and effort put into the gift.

What is the perfect gift for a man for Valentine's Day? Bikinis and beer.

That was a little breakdown of the way couples tend to view Valentine's Day.

Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, not all people are one half of a couple.

Some people taking the "The only red I wanna see on Valentine's Day is blood," approach to America's favorite made up holiday.

Everyone can guess that there are many advantages to being in a relationship anytime leading up to Valentine's Day, but what about those who are single?

Do these parties of one have to spend the day alone?

Obviously not, considering that there are singles parties, horror movie marathons and "Star Trek" conventions on Valentine's Day.

Far too often people forget that it can be fun to be single. Fun and usually cheaper.

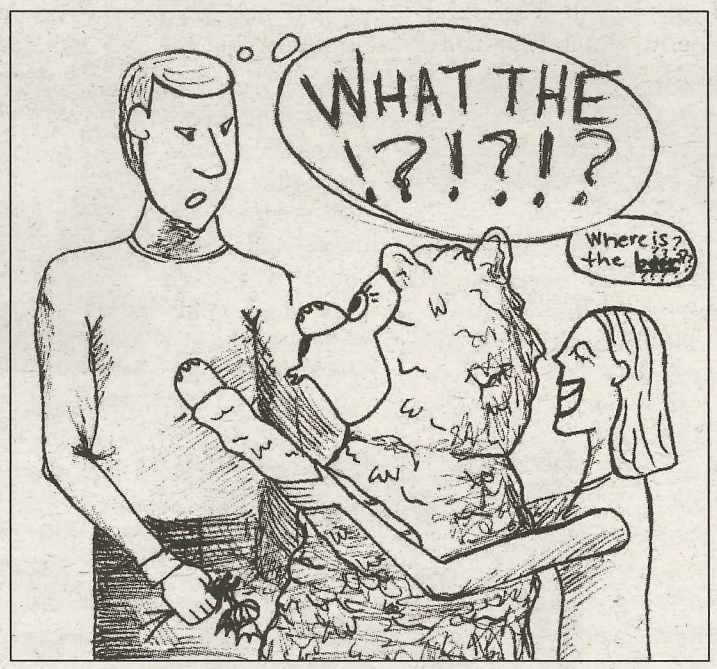
Before all those people become couples they are singles, right? They had fun before the dating started, so there must be things for singles to do.

But what is there for only one person to do?

Just do something nice for someone else.

Hold the door for that cute person you happen to run into.

Hold the door for that old, funny, ugly, strange, kind or sad person you run into.



When you are renting movies on Saturday night and your are torked because you don't have a date, thank the person who's working at the rental store for being there for you.

Go for a walk outside and make a heart shaped track in the snow. And you don't have to do this in your own yard. A strangers house would probably be a better idea.

Find a person having a worse V-day than you are and offer to be his/her Valentine.

For all you pairs of people, think about something nice to do for your Valentine.

Men, take the time to learn a song and sing it to your woman like you don't have a care in the world. May we recommend, "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness.

If that doesn't win her over, it's time to move on and stop dating your blowup doll.

Women , take the time to buy him some of his favorite liquid refreshment.

A simpler life is a much better life



GREEN SENSE
Elizabeth Bailey

It's simple. Happiness doesn't come from materialism. What makes us feel that when we're having a bad day, the first thing we should do is go shopping?

After returning from break, my roommates and I did a bit of early spring-cleaning. In the process, I got rid of a ridiculous amount of stuff that I realized I no longer needed. After re-arranging a bit, we all felt better about starting a new semester.

Perhaps that's all we all needed, transformation of environment. I felt like I had simplified my life. Less chaos meant more relaxation, which has been hard to come by lately.

I looked at what I had gotten rid of and realized that had I never bought it in the first place, I could have saved enough money for a trip around the world. What a waste!

What ever happened to the society that used to be content with what they already have? We used to find happiness in each other rather than in meaningless stuff. What changed? Has technology advanced too far, past the point of needing that human interaction?

Sure you might not initially have a lot of stuff, but the future portrays us with a dream house to hold all of our necessary luxuries. Contradictory I know, so if we don't really need luxuries, then why do we have them?

To me, buying something that is a luxury is filling a void. The truth is, we should really be filling that void with human interaction.

I enjoy getting snail mail that isn't bills. Yes, e-mail is very convenient, but very impersonal. It was designed to save us time, and in turn, has actually consumed more of our time, having to respond sometimes becomes more of a daily chore.

Understand that I enjoy getting e-mails that are about something important, such as people's lives. However, since I've blocked my phone from telemarketers, it doesn't seem to ring for me anymore. I'd just much rather hear a human voice than make one up in my head as I'm reading my e-mails.

When did the pace of life get so fast that we can't take time to stop and re-connect with those we've lost touch with because of the computer? E-mails don't make me feel better when I'm crying, but a hug does. Pretty soon computers will be able to do that too.

So what do we consider luxuries? A computer has become a necessary evil for means of survival, but it is also a luxury. We can live without them, but not very easily anymore. Take away America's technology and we become a third world nation.

Cars are another luxury that we can still live without. This seems ridiculous to most people, but I think it's ridiculous that we're one of the most overweight nations. Cold as it may be, we can't complain about our weight and then drive five blocks to get to campus.

The majority of technology has simply made us all lazy. We no longer have to go to a store to buy something because of the Internet. Groceries, clothes, more technology: you name it and we all know eBay has it for a better deal than we can get in the store.

So goes the great saying, The stuff you own, ends up owning you. Not only does it own you, but it also depreciates the meaning of life.

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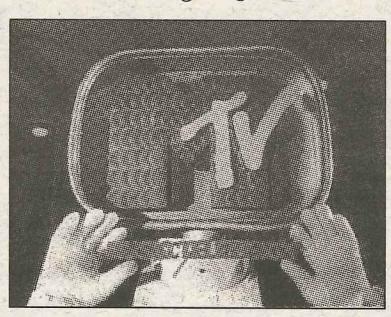
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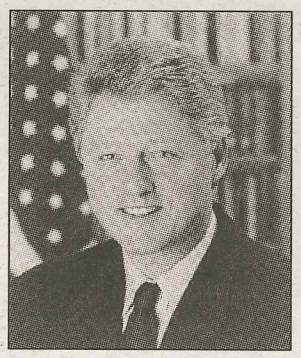
SPACEDOUT
Chelsea Rickert

Bill Clinton, Johnny Carson and overalls. Who remembers these? The facts and the fashion of 1992--who can forget?

We are now moving full-blast into the lost decade, when girls and boys alike wore those nice baggy overalls with one strap dangling carelessly—even dangerously—down their back.



I was seven or eight years old and still wearing the clothes that my mother picked out for me. You know, that time in your life when you look back and wonder what your parents were thinking. That was me that year. I passed my days playing Red Rover on the playground and learning simple multiplication. It was also the year I started writing.



Oh my God, Becky, here come the ever-enduring songs of 1992: "Baby Got Back" by Sir Mix-a-Lot. "Baby Got Back" is the one song that everyone knows the first 35 words to and nothing after that, except for the insanely gifted and seriously obsessed.

I think the top song of 1992 was "Give It Away" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers. This song has definitely stood the test of time.

"I'm Too Sexy," by Right Said Fred: The ultimate strip song.

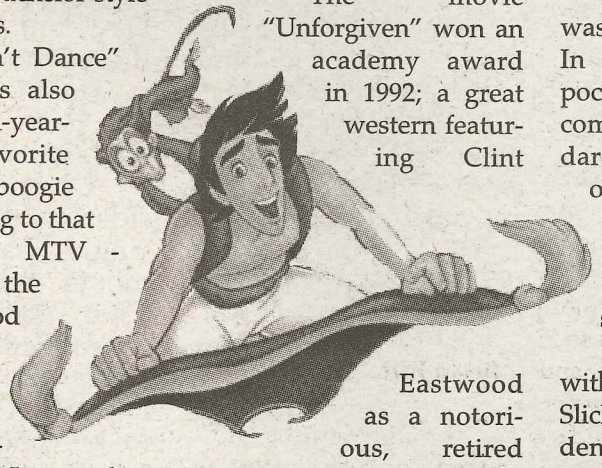
Guns-N-Roses' "November Rain" is one of my personal, all-time favorites. This song reminds me of road tripping with my dad for days at a time in one of his beat up, old bachelor-style trucks.

And "I Can't Dance" by Genesis was also one of my seven-year-old self's favorite songs. I got my boogie on while listening to that song on OLD MTV - remember when the M actually stood for Music?

The Internet was slowly becoming popular, and I remember my fascination with the dialing sound that the old Packard Bell made when connecting. I have a feeling that in a few years kids will be scratching their heads at the mention of this fascinating noise due to the definite conquering of DSL and cable Internet.



Johnny Carson finally decided to retire in May of '92, bringing to late night the hallmark big chin of Jay Leno. He was not expected to last very long, following in Carson's shoes, but he's still invading the late-night airways with Conan and Letterman.



The movie "Unforgiven" won an academy award in 1992; a great western featuring Clint Eastwood as a notorious, retired gunslinger. My favorite Disney movie, which ranked No. 77 on the list of 100 greatest films of the 20th century, also came into theaters in '92: "Aladdin." In my book it would be in the top 10.

Other timeless films of 1992 include "Wayne's World" ("Party time! Excellent!"), "Alien 3," "Batman Returns," "Home Alone 2" (Macaulay Culkin!!! There, are you happy?), "A Few Good Men" and "Sister Act."

Nothin' beats a bunch of baggy nuns groovin' to the secular beats of the 60s to impress the pope.

A good lump of money was made with these movies. In fact, $4.87 billion was pocketed. But that's nothing compared to today's standards; Hollywood brings over $9 billion into the pockets of the entertainment industry every year in the United States since 2002.

And now to conclude with a humorous memory: Slick Willy was elected president November 3, 1992. Remember, "I never inhaled." Yeah, and my last name is Rhabshalabaneriski.

"Why I hate political parties."



RIGHTWAY
Rebecca Werner

Partisan troubles me. Why do we have political parties?

Sometimes I think that political parties are just an easy way for people to make enemies.

"You're a what? And to think, I thought you were cool. Guess I was wrong."

Oh yes, anyone that feels some passion concerning politics has thought that at one time or another. I know this not only because I have been told it on numerous occasions, but because I have also thought it about others.

So what is the purpose of political parties? Why do we have Democrats and Republicans? I'll tell you why.

It's because we are all different. We all have different experiences and different views, which is why we need to have different parties - to better represent all of the unique people in this country.

So why do our beliefs seem to make life harder for ourselves?

SCENARIO: You have made a list of the issues that you feel the strongest about.

You then researched all of the candidates (keeping an open mind) and found the ones you think best represent you. You enter the voting booth and much to your surprise, there is a spot open on the ballet that you had not researched.

You are unfamiliar with the candidates listed and are at a loss for which to mark. Here is where the political affiliation comes in.

You re-visit the other positions that you have voted for and notice that most of the people you voted for belong to a certain party. It is now safe to assume that the candidate who would best represent you in this area belongs to the party that you have associated with most.

We have our beliefs on such issues as abortion, capital punishment and gun control because we are concerned for the nation. We want to make the nation a better place and we think that our ideas will bring us to that level.

So, if our beliefs are really trying to "help," then why do we treat those whose views differ from ours with disdain? Why don't we try to convince them in a mature and respectable fashion? Being rude won't pursuade people to your side; if anything, it will prove to them that you do not have their best interests in mind.

The first step to making this country better is by learning to show respect and devotion for our fellow citizens.

Please call again at 8 a.m.



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

A recent phone conversation:

Me: "Hello? (groggily)"

Telemarketer: "Hello! Is a Matthew Shwab there?"

Me: (Chewbaca Style) "Grrroooowww- wwwllllll. "

What is it with the recent flood of telemarketer phone and e-mail traffic lately?

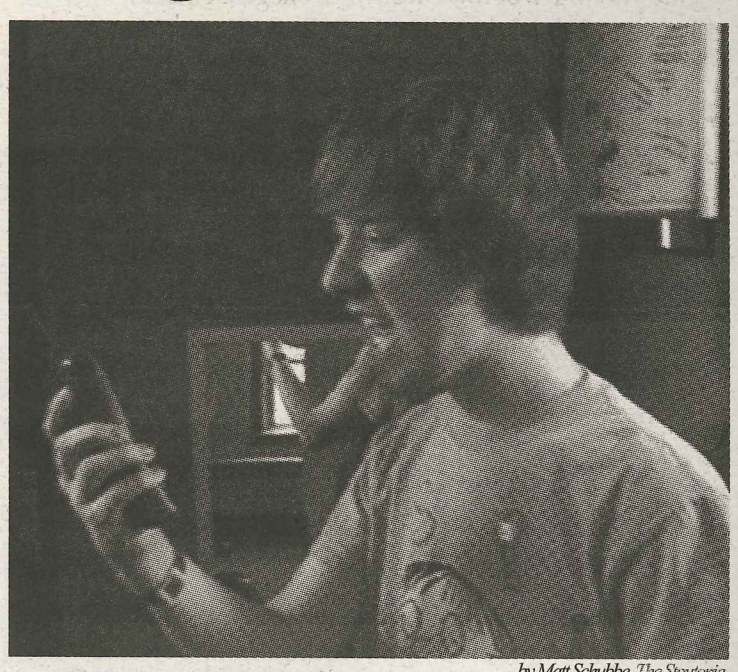
I've been getting calls at all times of the day and night asking if I'd be interested in switching to this phone service or if I want a subscription to such and such magazine. And it's not just me that's getting all of theses calls at the crazy hour of 8 A.M.,ON A SATURDAY MORNING.

I've also received nearly 80 e-mails about similar things, coincidentally (or not) from the same companies that have been calling me.

What, do they think that me not listening to them on the phone means that I'm interested and would like to receive more information?

Do they think they can trick me by having subject lines that say things like "Reply to the message you sent me?" Oh, please.

They can't fool me, no matter how hard they try, which usually for them involves having a different operator call me up, as if I'd think it was someone else?



by Matt Schubbe, The Stoutonia

When telemarketers call him at eight in the morning, Matt likes to think he is a large hairy creature from a science fiction movie franchise.

Who do I know that calls me at 8 a.m. on a Saturday and calls me Matthew? Everyone I know calls me Shoobs, or at the very least, Matt. And unless it's my grandparents, no one calls me Matthew, much less pronounces my last name wrong. Granted its tough (Shoo-Bee, phonetically) but how do they get Shwab?

There have been fewer calls of late, and I think that it's because of the way I've been handling the aforementioned flood of calls. I usually try to toy with the person on the other end, even before they get to their pitch. As soon as they cheerily say, "Is Matthew there?"

I pretend to be attacked by a dog/shark, or growl like Chewbaca the Wookie. And I do a mean Chewie growl; if you see me around, just ask me to do it sometime.

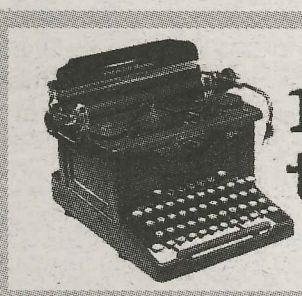
I implore the readers of this article to do the same as I have. Delete the e-mails, screw with the telemarketers and if you're bilingual, start speaking in that second language.

The only way to get to a telemarketer is to become that phone number that, when called, weird stuff happens.

Take it from me; they'll leave you alone if it happens enough times. Now you know, and knowing is half the battle.

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Letters to the Editor

No fun in comic

The fact that the Stoutonia allowed the comic perFUNctuionary TOYS to run in the Jan 29 issue is appalling. If the comic had contained the words Retard, Jew, Cripple, Nigger, or Gimp it would have never been printed, but it had the word Gay in it so that makes it ok.

According to Webster's Dictionary, the word Gay is an adjective used to describe a person as being happy, merry, brilliant in color, or to label a homosexual, nowhere in that definition does the word Gay describe Stupid, Bad, Funny, or Wrong.

We need to be more aware of the words we use in our everyday language and what we publish in the paper.

The Stoutonia is a reflection of the student body and I don't think many of us like how we are being portrayed. I know that if I had been on a campus tour and picked up a paper I would have seriously consider a different school. I wouldn't want to go to a school that objectifies women, hates gays, and has stupid alcoholics.

The Stoutonia needs to be more aware of what is being publishing because offending people and being politically incorrect are not the ways to promote Stout.

Your duty as a paper is to report the news in an unbiased way…

If you don't stop hate speech with your paper where is it going to end?

Ashley Groshek
Female Co-chair 10% society

Ms. Groshek,

We are all sorry to hear that one of our comics offended you. Thank you for writing in and broadening our perpective.

However, I would ask that you not inform your student newspaper of their duty. We bring students the best coverage of national and local news as we can.

Comic strips are individual testaments, as are opinions pieces. They do not need to be objective.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Thanks for saying it

I just wanted to drop you a line and say thanks for the interesting article about the rookie behaviors of NOT adopting to ADD~ That article has helped many people better understand how to cope and deal with daily life.

Randy Bretza
UW-Milwaukee Student

Mr. Bretza,

First of all, thank you for reading our newspaper.

Next, allow me to thank you for writing in and giving us some posistive feedback.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Just a little respect

I am writing in to express my frustration with the unsaid forces on this campus. The forces I refer to are the ones who have been taking actions against the group I've started this semester on campus, the College Democrats.

Our group has put up posters on campus, several of which have been torn down. Despite our best efforts, they repeatedly disappear from walls that we put them up on.

We only wish to meet other people on campus who think like we do, and share the same ideals in our government. We do not wish to be bullied.

Also, during our first College Democrats meeting last Thursday, our hand painted sandwich board, announcing the meeting that night, was taken from outside the Commons.

I don't expect this sandwich board to come back, but I'd just like to meet as a group of adults without having to think about making more signs for those that are torn down, or paint an extra board for those that are stolen.

If you know someone who likes tearing down signs, or taking sandwich boards, just give them the heads up that it's lame and I hope that in the future they avoid such childish behavior.

Belinda Lewis
Co-Founder
UW-Stout College Democrats

Not the right Kid

I was surprised that your staff editorial in the Feb. 5th issue stated that "Kid Rock...was the only decent performer" at the Superbowl.

Kid Rock took the stage wearing an AMERICAN FLAG. Not a shirt with the flag on, but an actual flag with a hole cut in it.

He then removed this "poncho" and threw it into the crowd. This is not only extremely disrespectful; it is illegal. In my opinion, Kid Rock's performance was just as, if not more, inappropriate than Jackson's, and very far from "decent".

Amber Gerber
UW-Stout Student

Ms. Gerber,

I agree with you that Kid Rock was wrong to wear the American Flag as though it were nothing more than a bunch of fibres.

What we were trying to point out in last week's editorial was that the only performer who was putting forth true effort was Kid Rock. Of all the 'artists' on the stage for the Super Bowl, it was odd to find the only person giving it his all was a less-than-respectable man.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Where was Osama

Scanning through the last Stoutonia I stumbled upon an article titled "Where in the World is Osama" in the Opinions section. The article was written as though it was fact. It implied President George W. Bush had a chance to capture Osama Bin Laden back in 1977 and the US is supplying healthcare to Osama Bin Laden. What are the sources which state this? Back in 1977, who was Osama and what was Al Qaeda? The article was targeted at Bush.

One thing that was not mentioned-- before the 1998 embassy bombings, attack on USS Cole in 2000, and 9/11 Sudan offered the previous administration Osama Bin Laden three times! Also during that administration, CIA and military funding was cut. Draw your own conclusion what could have been prevented.

Since 9/11 Bush pledged to win the war on terror, prevent another attack, and not appease our enemies like his opponents. Bush has been true to his word. The US military and special forces have captured and/or killed 70% of Al Qaeda including some of Osama's henchmen.

Yes, we are launching new offensives. We will get Osama bin Laden just like we nabbed Saddam Hussein. We will win the War on Terror as long as we stay the course.

At the voting booth, consider which candidate is willing to win the war and protect us from another 9/11. Seriously look at the hard facts and stances issue by issue. The choice should be evident.

Shawn M. Peter
UW-Stout Student

Mr. Peter,

Thanks for writing in and sharing your thoughts on our last issue.

I'd like to point out that you might be reading a few too many White House press releases though.

We here at the Stoutonia are going to stay the course. I personally will fight the good fight and vote against president Bush.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Wrong idea on snow bills

After reading Mr. Van Nurden's letter in the Stoutonia, I felt compelled to reply. I hope the following information will alleviate some of Mr. Van Nurden's "disturbed" feelings.

I contacted Kim Mensing, Deputy Treasure for the City of Menomonie, and she supplied the following information. The PSC (Public Service Commission) of Wisconsin allows Municipalities to collect direct public fire protection (PFP) charges in a couple of different ways. In 2002 the City of Menomonie petitioned the PSC to change the way it collected PFP charges.

Prior to April 1, 2003, the city recovered these costs through the general tax levy. In the May 26th and 29th issues of the Dunn County News, a legal notice of hearing appeared.

The scheduled hearing was open to the public for people to voice their concern on the change in the way PFP charges were to be collected.

On June 2nd, 2002 the Dunn County News wrote an article about the PFP haring, including the date and time of the hearing and a phone number to call for questions. The public hearing was held via telephone with the PSC on June 6th, 2002 at City Hall in Menomonie.

No one showed up for the hearing. The petition passed the PSC and effective April 1st, 2003, under state statute 196.03(3)(b), the City of Menomonie began collecting PFP chares on the quarterly utility bill.

Mr. Van Nurden stated the PFP charge on his utility bill was for the fire department. The charge is actually for the water utility, not the fire department.

The PFP charge on your utility bill is for the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the service area. It also includes the water used for testing equipment and training personnel.

To answer the question of kittens stuck in trees; yes, on occasion we have rescued kittens out of trees for distraught pet owners. In 2003, the Menomonie Fire Department answered roughly 2100 emergency calls. Of those, 450 were fire related and the remainders were emergency medical service and rescue.

The two fire stations in town are staffed by nine full time personnel, 24 hours a day. We also have 20 Paid-on-Call fire fighters the respond on most fire incidents. We provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services for 25,000 people in an area that covers 265 square miles.

I hope this information answered your questions about the $14.85 charge on your utility bill and just where all of those sirens (making all that noise) are going. If you have any more questions please contact us.

Denny Klass
Menomonie Fire
Department, Captain
UW-Stout Alumni 1995

Mr. Klass,

Thank you for writing in and clearing up a number of questions for us.

Many students have wondered why "so many" sirens are seemingly always going off in our college town. Now we know.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Key issues

If the University was using (Best) small format interchangeable core you would have a secure key system , because the core (pin sizes) are secured in a cylinder housing.

Tom Ripp

Institutional Locksmith
Association, Member
Associated Locksmith Of
America, Member

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Drilling it into your head



THE DROP
Lindsey Schuldt

The only thing fire drills at Harvey Hall are good for is pure comic relief. It may be that this is only a point of annoyance to me, but I have a feeling I'm not alone on this one.

Between classes in Harvey Hall today, I was going to write up an article complaining about how busy everyone seems to be this time of year. But just as soon as I got comfortable in the relaxing black leather chair at the end of the corridor, the all too familiar, and might I add, extremely annoying, fire alarm started to sound.

Now granted, I don't know if this was a false alarm, or a drill, or if someone burst out in spontaneous combustion, but I sat there for a couple minutes, letting my computer shut down properly, and listening to this guy next to me carry on a phone conversation despite the noise.

Upon waiting these several minutes, I noticed that there was still no one in the hallway. The guy sitting next to me had mentioned to his phone partner that there was an alarm going off, but he too just sat in the comfortable chair and remained calm.

As I finally got up and headed down the long flight of stairs, eventually I heard people exiting from the top floor above me—not running, but slowly drudging down the stairs.

I remember back in high school all of my teachers would freak out if we were not at least one hundred feet from the building for safety reasons. Yet, as I entered the chill of a wonderful Wisconsin afternoon, people were lounging about on the sidewalk, some still standing on the stairs, waiting to reenter the building.

It could be that I have a weird sense of humor, but watching the professors light up cigarettes while somehow bonding with their student smokers, brought a smile to my face.

As if this wasn't amusing enough, just as the fire trucks pulled up alongside of the building, I noticed a single car in the middle of the street not moving. Apparently, Jack Frost had bitten her motor and her car decided to just up and die on her.

At first I felt bad for her, until the super hero powers of University of Wisconsin-Stout men saved the day. I watched as several gentlemen, cigarettes in mouth, surrounded the poor damsel in distress and miraculously pushed her car backwards into a safe parking spot.

The best part was they didn't even need to take the cigarettes out of their mouths before opening up the hood of her car to fix the problem.

Now, let's pretend for a brief moment that there was actually a fire in the building. No one would have left the building, those that did leave would have had major injuries sustained due to falling debris, and those too busy smoking to care would never have to worry about cancer killing them as the smoke from the building would have been enough.

The whole scene wasn't all bad though; it actually made my whole day. I've got two words for you: fire fighters. I don't care who you put in one of those sexy yellow suits - they will always be a welcome break in my otherwise uneventful days.

Business with China, is the sky falling?



CUP O' JOEL
Joel Shaw

As I write, the United States is prosecuting its former buddy and groundhog, Saddam Hussein, for terrorizing the people of Iraq, Iran and Kuwait. We in the United States hold our heads up high as we proclaim our moral superiority and indignation. We do so in the name of humanitarianism.

The final industrial frontier, China, has claimed the allegiance of capitalists from around the world and holds the most powerful of all economic magnets, cheap, abundant labor. Manufacturers from our nation, who once pledged allegiance to the workers of the United States of America, have now joined a coalition of multinational corporations in a race to the bottom line, and, right now, the bottom line is being drawn with the blood of human despair.

China is a socialist regime; isn't that a bad thing? Didn't we have a problem with the Soviet Union? China exports products made in forced labor camps. Is there a conflict of ideologies here? We, a nation of self-proclaimed humanitarians, are importing products made in any one of 1,000 Chinese forced labor camps.

Therefore, by trading with China for goods made in forced labor camps, we are placing our good business seal of approval on the camps known as the Laogai.

A little bit of research reveals that the Soviet Union helped the Chinese establish the Laogai prison system, modeled after the not-so-humanitarian Soviet prison system, the Gulag, in 1950. The Gulag has since been dismantled. The Laogai are a crucial and profitable part of the fast-growing Chinese economy.

The Chinese have added Thought Reform to the daily Laogai routine. Thought Reform includes forced confessions, self-criticisms, group humiliation and submission sessions. The idea is to convince the prisoners that they are of no value and are deserving of punishment.

Even if prison products were stamped, "Made In The Worst Of Conditions," the problem is that more than half of the goods imported into the United States arrive in containers. As the container inspection debate simmers in Congress, China is building a proprietary China Shipping terminal in Los Angeles that will open this summer to handle China's fleet of five 'mega-ships,' each capable of moving 8,100 containers.

A senior customs inspector told the Patriot Ledger that only 50 percent of the shipping containers are inspected, and then, for weapons of mass destruction alone.

While U.S. Customs has made attempts to identify products produced in the forced labor camps and confiscate them, those products are nearly impossible to trace, because, according to Chinese diplomats, the camps do not exist. The fact that such camps do exist should bring trade with China to a screaming-in-protest halt and send the United States Global Police Chief, George W. Bush, Bar-B-Q stained warrant in hand, to a show-down in Beijing.

Instead, we continue to sign trade agreements with China and accept lies as truths. Denial, it seems, makes the flavor of corporate collusion less rancid.

Proposal for new religion



MUPPET LOGIC
Tim Krueger

There is a religion building amongst us. It is time we begin to identify and recognize, as this is most definitely the one true religion.

First and foremost, we need to understand that all other religions of the world are antiquated and most definitely not true. For example, how can anyone believe in the existence of anything that they cannot touch, hear, smell, see or feel? It is utterly preposterous that anyone should even consider the possibility of spiritual existence.

We must begin to realize the potential involved if everyone were to accept this new religion. Since all other religions are becoming less popular, we need to just deem them inadequate, and therefore stop the practice of all this other hogwash.

Just think of possibilities when we convert all the churches, synagogues, temples and other nonsense into more profitable office buildings, chemical refineries, paper mills, waste treatment facilities, oil derricks and parking garages--all of which are much better suited to use in the spaces where these outdated places of worship now reside.

This new religion stresses the importance of using the items, which so many of us already have. Refrigerators, cars, televisions, toaster ovens, plug-in scenters, electronic shrubbery trimmers and shoes that blink are all much more important to us than some guy who we can't even prove exists.

Anything that you can hold in your hand, or better yet, show to your friends, is given the utmost importance. Not to mention the time you will save each week from skipping church, just that much more time for the things we know are truly important.

How much time did you waste this year praying to the deity of your choice to help you come up with a solution? For those of you that say none, congratulations, you are already a part of this new movement. For those of you that have wasted such time, please realize the practicality of simply going out and purchasing something to help you with your problems, or if you just need advice, there are plenty of 1-900 psychics out there who would be much more accurate than any heavenly suggestion.

This new religion has yet no name, but is favored by almost everyone. Even President Bush has endorsed this religion, amazingly right after the 9-11 terror attacks. You don't have to think or waste time, and everything you do just feels good.

What could make life better than accumulation of more things that make you feel good? Albeit, many of the things involved in this religion are short-lived thrills, but that is just what makes it continue, because then you are able to go out for the next thrill.

This is so simple; there is no logical reason why this has not been thought up before. Current religion causes more trouble than it is worth, so casting it aside for something more up-to-date is quite simply the best method for the bottom line. If you have any questions about this new religion, or just simply want to join in the fun, simply take a look at yourself, most of you are already there. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed my modest proposal.

"Love"



JUST FOR V-DAY
Joel Shaw

Love is
Love was
Love runs
Love lasts
Love stands
Love lingers
Love returns
Love forgives
Love reminds
Love weeps
Love takes
Love waits
Love hurts
Love begs
Love will
Love you
Love can
Love me
Love is
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Not so sappy holiday history

Marta Peters

People of all ages either love it or hate it. It's the Hallmark holiday that initially started out as a day to acknowledge a Saint named Valentine, and in case it's slipped anyone's mind, it's only a few days away.

So what's the underlying story behind all the emotional baggage this day encompasses? According to http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/valentine/history2.html, it's a story that has so many different origins that it's hard to decide how it all began.

One theory which developed in the Middle Ages in France, was that Feb. 14 was the first day of the birds' mating season. This caused people to believe that the day should be a day of coupling and romance.

Another theory is that it was derived from a festival in ancient Rome, called Lupercalia. The festival began on Feb. 15 each year. It featured fertility sacrifices, whipping women with bloody goat hides and finally a drawing in which all the young women's names were put in an urn and then selected one-by-one by the bachelors of the city. The two would be paired for the remainder of the year.

In 498 A.D., Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 St. Valentine's Day because he felt the Roman system for pairing of couples was un-Christian and should be illegal.

The Web site http://www.techdirect.com/valentine/origin.html also tells the tale of how religion may have been the source of the holiday.



The Catholic Church recognizes a number of Saint Valentines, all of whom were martyred. It may be safe to say that if you're dreading this Saturday, you're probably going to have a better holiday then those three. However, they died for their faith, so if love is supposed to be the foundation of this holiday, then these three played that part well.

One story of Saint Valentine explains that as a priest, he performed marriage ceremonies in Rome during the third century at a time when Emperor Claudius II decided to outlaw matrimony. The Emperor claimed to validate his decision by his theory that men made better soldiers than husbands.

Yet another legend tells of how the infamous Valentine was jailed and while there, it was inevitable, he fell in love—supposedly with the jailer's daughter. In an effort to showcase his affection, he wrote a letter to her and signed it, "From your Valentine." A sweet gesture, but his fate with that romance is yet another one that is worse than most of us will ever experience. He too died shortly after.

For the record, all Valentine legends and origins aren't as bad as the examples just given, but on a day that is full of sentimental romance for only the select few with significant others, there are those that are single. These people, (along with the people who aren't single but just forgot to buy flowers) can keep in mind that the founder of this holiday- whichever Saint Valentine it was-seems to have had it worse off than the majority of us.

Valentine's Day: not just for couples anymore



RittenWrite
Marta Peters

With Valentine's Day coming up, many singles are struggling to find ways to make this Feb. 14 a memorable and happy day. Some may say to treat it as any other day, but with such a commercialized holiday, that can be a difficult feat.

It's hard to ignore the people who are talking about the idealistic date they're going to have that night or the people who are running through the store chaotically trying to buy last minute gifts.

"I think it stinks," said Karen Metzner, a freshman graphic design major. "It's just a day for people to buy chocolates and flowers and cards, and the people who receive them feel special but the one's who don't feel bad."

Other students tend to disagree and consider Valentine's Day no different from Feb. 13 or 15.

"I think that Valentine's Day is just another day," said Karen Wagner, a sophomore psychology major. "Because if you love someone you should show that you love them all year long, not just one day out of the year."



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Valentine's Day merchandise boldly stands out in stores around the country, making some single people feel uneasy. Single students can have parties, send cards to friends and family or find a new hobby on the holiday.

That's a good mentality to have, especially since Valentine's Day isn't solely for star-crossed lovers anymore.

Card sales for the holiday are second only to Christmas, and contrary to popular opinion, the top recipients aren't significant others, but rather schoolteachers.

"I don't even feel it's really a holiday," said Mel Werner, a senior majoring in engineering technology. "I think it was created by the greeting card companies, so I'm not going to do anything different than any other day this year."

Instead of re-enacting Charlie Brown's regime of looking in the mailbox for valentines every five minutes, why not send a few cards to your friends and family?

Guys, you can do this too. Just think of all those brownie points you could score with Mom and Grandma if you sent them a little note saying, "I love you." And we all know brownie points can only lead to some extra meals and desserts when you arrive home the next time.

When sending cards just won't do the trick, why not follow Molli Eberhardt's plan and throw a Valentines party? No date required.

Eberhardt, a freshman in interior design, isn't going to dwell on snagging a date because she and her friends are going to have fun on Saturday the 14 when they hang out and make strawberry slushies.

"I don't really think Valentine's Day is a big deal," said Eberhardt. "It's nice if you have a boyfriend or girlfriend, but if you don't, it shouldn't matter that much."

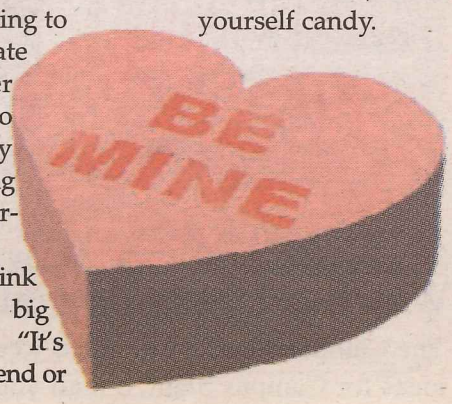
Still in need of some more ideas to get through the big V-Day? Make it a day to get things done. Begin that new hobby that you've wanted to explore. Watch some funny movies (preferably one's without a lot of romance) and watch them with your closest friends.

Be grateful for the relationships you do have, romantic or not.

"You could go harass your ex," laughed Jenny Stanislaw, a freshman undeclared major. "Or maybe you could just go shopping and play games."

In other words, just have fun. Life's too short to loathe or worry about any day.

Then again, the origin of Valentine's Day does have a few interesting facts, and if anything, you can try impressing someone with your newfound knowledge and try and work your way into a date for this Saturday. And if all else fails, send yourself candy.



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International Student Edition



Thanathorn Vajirakachorn - 24
hospitality and tourism graduate student

Hometown: Bangkok, Thai.
Relationship Status: Boyfriend

Why did you choose to study at Stout?
My aunt graduated from here in the hospitality and tourism program.

What is the biggest difference between the U.S. and your country?
Culture, the way people act. We are very respectful toward older people.

What is the worst job you ever had?
Housekeeping job at a hotel.

If you weren't in school, what would you be doing?
Being in a temple or church or working for them.

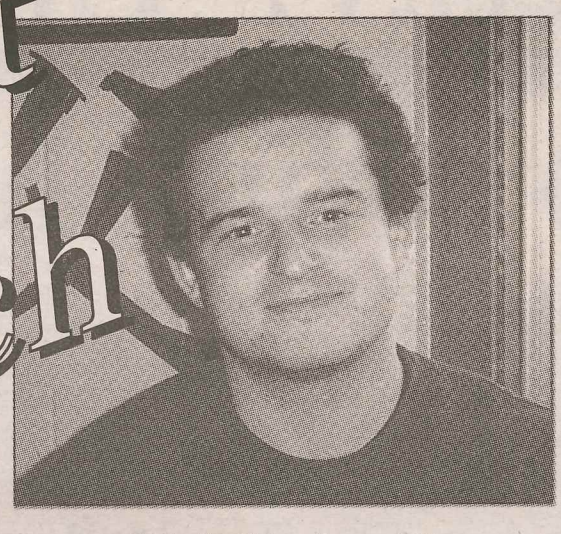
Who is the most important person in your life?
My grandmother and my mother.

Describe yourself in one word: Happy.

Would you encourage other students to study abroad?
Yes, because it is very important to understand different cultures, and it will be a good advantage in the future.

What is some advice you would like to give to the students of UW-Stout?
Get to know the international students at Stout. It's a good chance to know different cultures.

Favorite Sport: Volleyball



Nick Hayles- 22
international business sophomore

Hometown: Cambridge, Eng.
Relationship Status: Single

Why did you choose to study at Stout?
I wanted to be on my own, and other students from my school were studying at the other school offered for studying abroad in the United States.

What is the biggest difference between the U.S. and your country?
There are more sit down restaurants and everything is more spread out.

What is the worst job you ever had?
Sweeping a hanger floor in the airport.

If you weren't in school, what would you be doing?
Traveling in Asia and India.

Who is the most important person in your life?
My dad.

Describe yourself in one word: Lazy.

Would you encourage other students to study abroad?
Definitely, you can't have the knowledge of something else unless you've experienced it.

What is some advice you would like to give to the students of UW-Stout?
Don't worry about anything.

Favorite Sport:
Wakeboarding.

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

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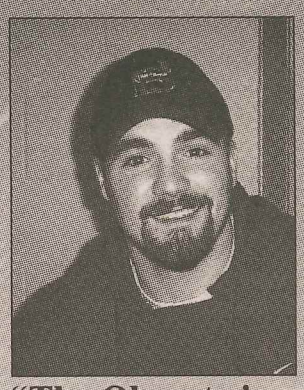
Slant

Who would you want to body paint for Valentine's Day?



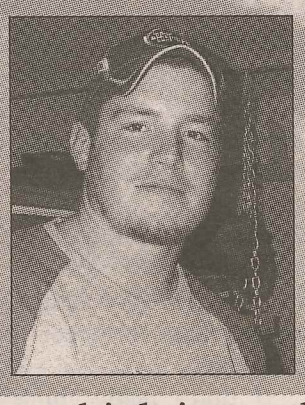
"George Bush."

Amy Ketterman
hospitality and tourism
senior



"The Olsen twins because they turn 18 soon."

Ryan Lenard
applied math and computer science
freshman



"Carmen Electra because she is a very beautiful and talented woman."

Jordan Miller
manufacturing engineering
freshman



"Janet Jackson because she needs to cover up, and we'll have Justin Timberlake do the painting."

Sarah Pyne
hospitality and tourism
sophomore

Next Week:

Which celebrity do you think is an alien?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"There is more to Valentine's Day than roses, candy and cards."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

A day of love and loathing, passion and pessimism, desire and disgust. Valentine's Day is in the air and can bring out the best or worst in people.

This year I have found that a near majority of people detest the holiday, deeming it unnecessary and distressing to singles. I, however, beg to differ.

To me, Valentine's Day is a day of love, and what is so wrong with that? Isn't love what the world needs now?

One may argue that with hundreds of days in a year, we shouldn't dedicate just one day to showing our significant other, friends and family how much we care for them; it should be a daily activity.

Ideally this is true, but realistically there isn't always time to spend quality time with loved ones. Between classes, work and organizations, we don't always get a chance to ignite the fires of passion or even compassion.

It is much better to let the feelings flood out on a stamped calendar date than not at all.

We celebrate Mother's and Father's Day, even though we should love and respect our parents every day of the year, don't we?

But of course the holiday isn't fair to the singletons of the world. With all of the lovebirds displaying their affection in public, they can't help but feel substandard, right?

Those that are feeling inferior on V-Day because of their solo status should realize that the holiday is the one day out of the year where video stores, bars and malls are full of other singles. These are goldmines for those in search of a companion, since most of the people in relationships will be with their other half.

Singles should also realize that the years they spend the lover's holiday alone make the ones they spend with a mate that much more special.

Any day that inspires couples to put aside their petty differences and focus on the reason they are together in the first place can't be all bad. If cupid missed you this year, just remember love can be found in numbers both less than and greater than two.

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Tax filing, easy as point and click

Lindsey Schuldt

The time has come to turn in taxes. Students who have had jobs in the past year are going to be getting either a big refund or a big bill in the mail. Many students don't know how to do their own taxes, but there are several different options.

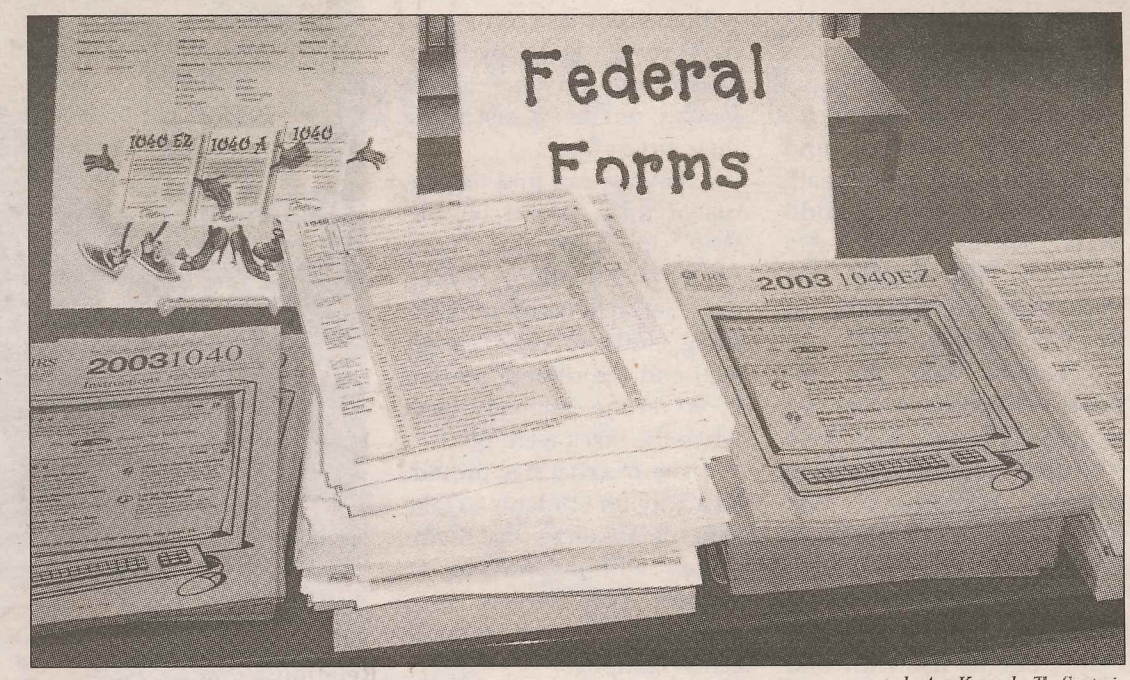
Some students have their parents file for them every year. In this case, the student does not go through the process of figuring out what kind of tax form they have, and which numbers are important or non-important.

"If I knew what to do, I'd do my own [taxes], but for now I'm happy letting my parents do them," said Liz Lemke, a junior in business.

For other students, there are several options. H&R Block has an online Web site that is easily accessible with step by step instructions on how to file online. There are answers to many commonly asked questions like, "How do I know if I'm getting the biggest refund possible?" on their Web site http://www.hrblock.com/taxes/.

They also have an online program that provides advice from a professional. There is an initial interview that is filled out online, and then within forty-eight hours, the client is contacted

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by Amy Kryzenske, The Stoutonia

Students need to be careful when filling out their tax forms. Each company has specific terms people must qualify for. Large fines can be given to students who file through a company when they are not eligible for it.

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Br	Ba	Address	Rent Only Entire Unit	Rent Only Per Person	With Util Entire Unit	With Util Per Person	Property Notes	Type
1		147 1/2 Main St #3	$180	$180	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 _ Main St. #5	$230	$230	n/a	n/a	Util inc/Bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$190	$190	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #1	$500	$500	n/a	n/a	All Utill Included, great location OK for 2 people	8
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #3	$400	$400	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	702 - 4th St.	$263	$263	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #1	$270	$270	n/a	n/a	WSG+HotWater Inc. Storage, location,n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #2	$290	$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #5	$335	$335	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	113 _ MAIN St. #2	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash Inc/location/n/p/	9
1	1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus, parking	8
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
1	1	119 W Main St. #1	$285	$285	$355	$355	Close To campus and downtown	3
1	1	630 _ s. Broadway #8	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Downtown location/WSG Incl.n/p	9
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	n/a	n/a	All ult. inc/ great downtown location	
2	1	421 Wilson Ave #1	$525	$263	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	2121 5th #B	$390	$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	619 _ 13th Ave	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG,HotWater, Excellent Location	4
2	1	619 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
2	1	1803 _ 7th St.	$450	$225	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
2	1	119 Main St. #2 W	$370	$185	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown, parking	3
2	1	921 Main St. #2	$375	$188	$475	$238	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	2724 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$495	$248	$615	$308	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	605 13th St.E #4	$495	$248	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
2	1	147 1/2 Main St. C	$650	$325	n/a	n/a	Util inc./ coin laundry/great downtown loc./n/p	O
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Very nice/ close to campus/ Modern	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$575	$192	$715	$238	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$720	$240	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$525	$132	$645	$162	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$580	$145	$720	$180	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$620	$155	$780	$195	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$900	$225	$1100	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1420	$355	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2	516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1250	$265	$1400	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1250	$265	$1400	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1250	$265	$1400	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1050	$220	$1250	$250	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1025	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
7	2	820 11th St.	$1820	$260	$2100	$300	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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by a professional tax advisor.

The professional then answers a single question for the client and any questions that fall under the original question. It costs $19.95 for the single question and queries that fall underneath that question, but is an additional $19.95 for all extra questions. The starting rate to actually file the taxes at this Web site is $24.95.

Another way for students to file for taxes is to go to http://irs.gov. This Web site gives students links to various companies that allow students to file taxes for free.

Students must first determine which company they want to file with and then determine if they are eligible to file for free with this company. Most students will fall under the eligibility of the companies but must be cautious to read the eligibility rules carefully.

If the rules are misread and a student files with a certain company to which they are ineligible, they can be charged large amounts for the work the company does for them. This Web site also outlines what to do in case a student does not qualify with any of these companies by giving step by step instructions on how to file quickly online by just using their zip code.

Anyone can find the status of their refund on this Web site after they have filed. The only things needed are a Social Security number, filing status (married, single, etc.) and the refund amount given on the statement from when the taxes were filed.

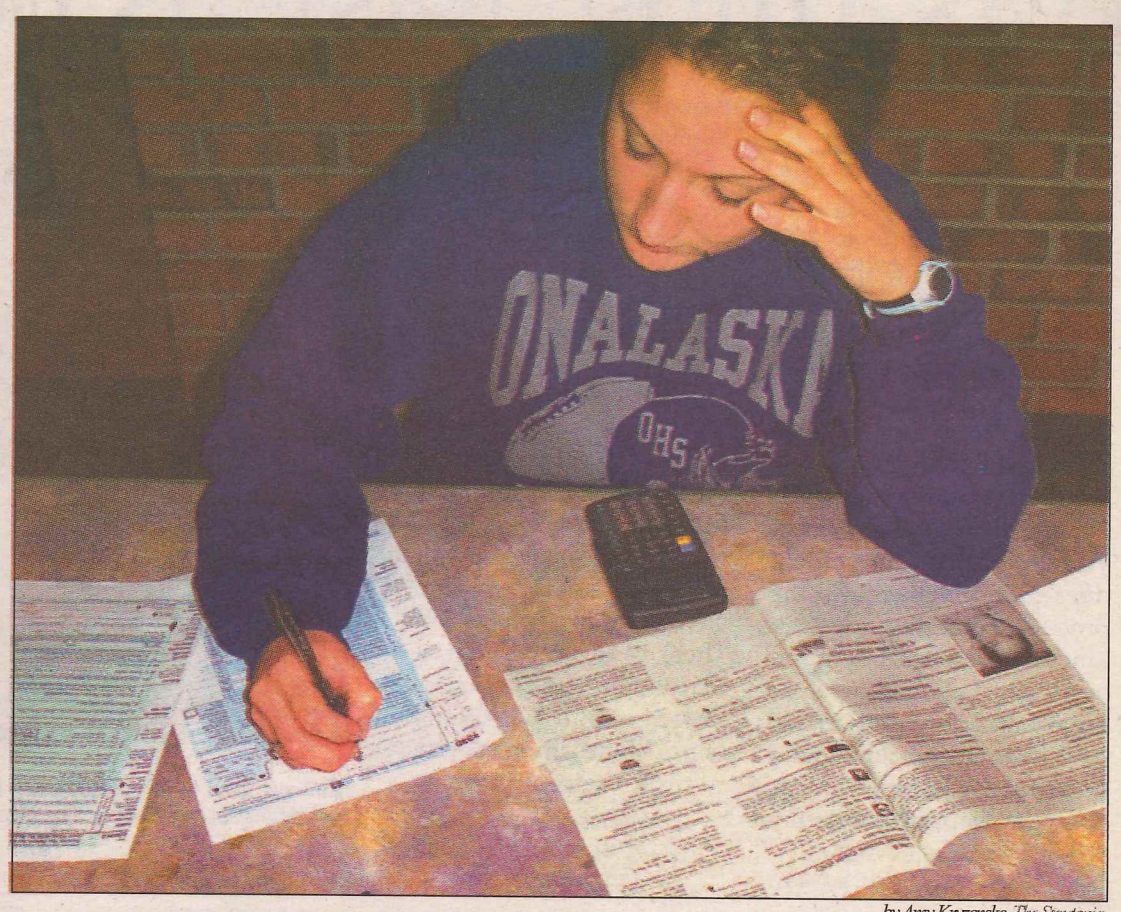
The Internet has provided a way for students to take care of finances by themselves without having to concern their parents. It is accessible to many students across campus.

For those who are not technologically inclined, they can also use the phone to file their taxes. Telefile is a phone number, listed on the tax form one gets from their employers, that has easy step by step instructions over the phone to file taxes.

"I use Telefile because it saves me time, and I get the refund back so much quicker in the mail," said Kurt Bowen, a senior majoring in hospitality and tourism.

If a student is still unsure about filing online or over the phone, there are multiple places to go in Menomonie and Eau Claire to file taxes.

Eau Claire has an H&R Block that can deal directly with its customers as opposed to online, and Steve Young Associates is a tax company in Menomonie that helps families and students in Dunn County.



by Amy Kryzenske, The Stoutonia

Filing tax forms can be done in many ways. Paper forms, internet sites and telephone lines all offer easy ways for students to file their own taxes, sometimes for a fee. Ashley Mills chose to use the paper form method.

Editor's Note:
The information from the chart in the article "Regret Renting? Become a Buyer" in the Feb. 5, 2004 issue of The Stoutonia was gathered by Jesse Schluter.

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Feb. 12 to Feb. 19

Thursday, Feb. 12
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m. Acoustic Café.



>Sushi Burgers, comedy show, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Huff's, $4.
>Thursday Night Out, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Recreation Center.

Friday, Feb. 13
>Sushi Burgers, comedy show, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Huff's, $4.

Saturday, Feb. 14
>Sushi Burgers, comedy show, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Huff's, $4.
>Men's Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 5 p.m.
>Women's Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 7 p.m.
>Hockey at Eau Claire, 7 p.m.
>Minnesota Ballet, 8 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater. students $9 and adults $11.



>How to Talk Minnesotan, 5 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. show, Fanny Hill Dinner Theatre, $45.95 ($31.95 show only)
>Fashion Show, 5 p.m. Art Makers Market, Main Street.

Sunday, Feb. 15
No events scheduled

Monday, Feb. 16
No events scheduled

Tuesday, Feb. 17
No events scheduled

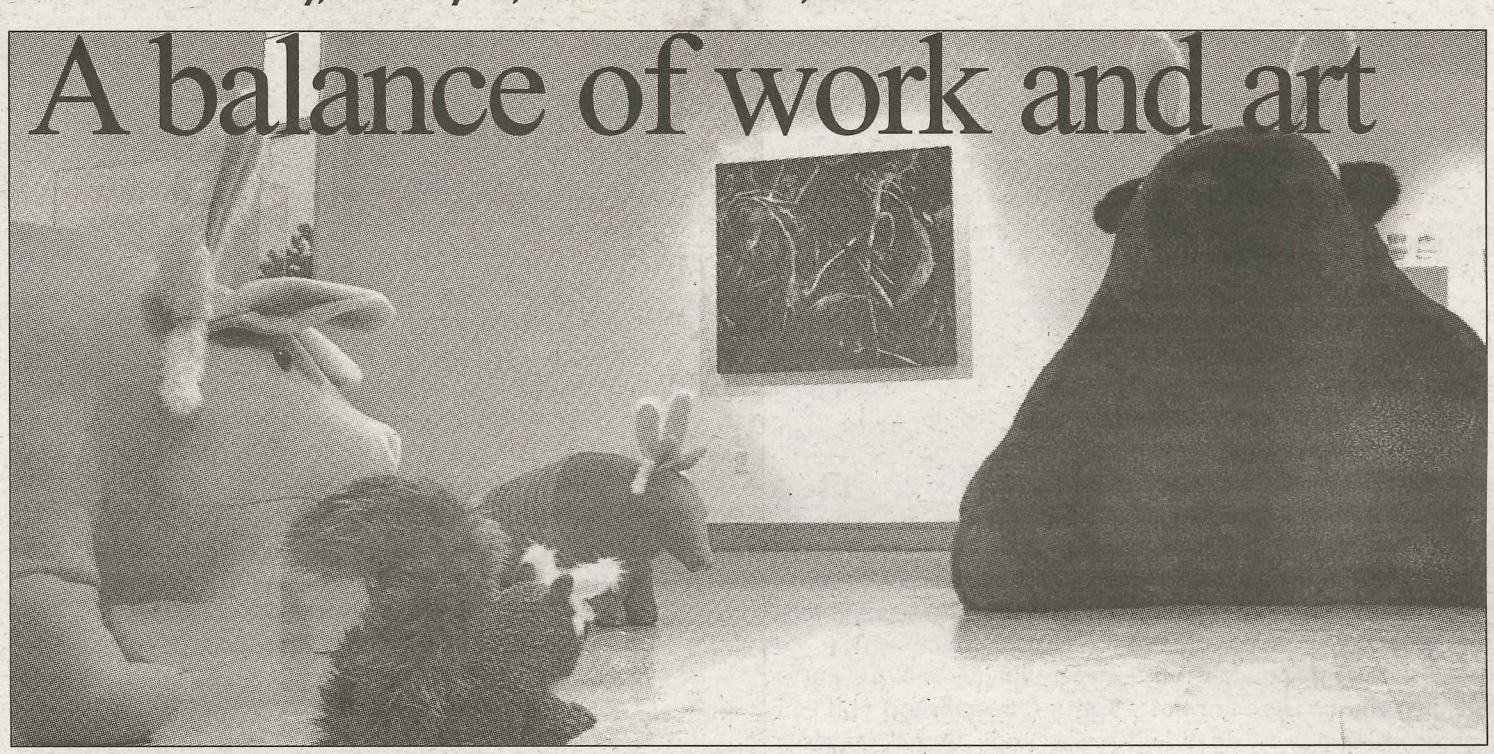
Wednesday, Feb. 18
>Gymnastics vs. Gustavus Adolphus, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19
>Tub Ring, intense genre of music, 8 p.m., Huff's.
>Thursday Night Out, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Recreation Center.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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A balance of work and art



Tiffany Laschinger

Monday marked the opening of the Faculty Exhibition in the Furlong Gallery; over 15 different artists displayed their work. This show allows instructors and faculty of the art department the chance to show the campus the dynamics of their passion for art.

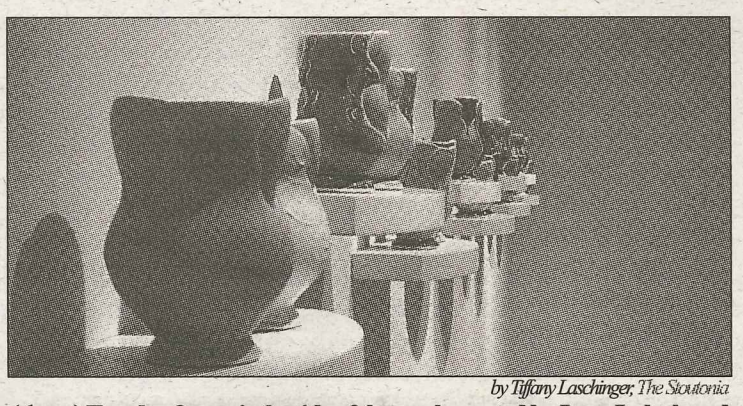
"It's so students get a sense of what the professional work of the teacher looks like," said Susan Hunt, the chair of the Art Department.

Most of the work in the Furlong Gallery is fine art. Tamara Brantmeier has a series of acrylic paintings of female models in a very realistic portrayal, but she experimented with a new style of composition.

"I chose two, two-sided paintings that are part of a very new idea I am working with [but it] is not quite 'fleshed out' yet," said Brantmeier. "By exhibiting work that is still 'in process,'I can talk to my painting and drawing students about how important it is to take risks on a large scale, even if you do not know how they will turn out."

Bill Dehoff, professor of Art and Design, also displays his most recent paintings in the show. He offers his insight about why he loves to paint.

"As people, we're always a 'work in progress' and for me, painting is a kind of mirror of that experience," said Dehoff.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

(above) **Tuesday 8 p.m. is the title of the work created by Lars Jerlach and wife Helen.** (bottom) **Kate Maury created a series of porcelin tumblers**

While most of the exhibits are fine arts, Nagesh Shinde, a professor in the Art Department and Mahesh Senagala, a collegue of Shinde, display their design for the World Trade Center memorial. The work shows computerized images of their plan so you can see it in scale and get a sense of the feeling they want to portray.

"I wanted to share my personal and professional involvement with collegues and students," said Shinde.

A guide to surviving horror



HAWKEYE
Kyle Kingston

Picture this: you're on your way to class, humming a happy tune, completely carefree. Then suddenly—Bam! From out of the bushes springs a psycho with a machete. Before you can call for help, he's got you looking like you just got out of a blender.



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That's right, it's Friday the 13th again. Don't be a statistic! Play it safe! Stay inside and watch horror movies.

Of course, watching horror movies carries certain risks all its own. Here are some tips for survival, learned through occasionally painful experience.

First off, "horror" is not synonymous with "slasher." Slasher means the serial killer who never dies and enjoys killing people in gruesome, gory ways. When horror is mentioned as a genre, this is what many people immediately think of, often derisively. This is a generalization and an unfair one. Horror is much more diverse: almost anything that inspires fear, suspense, revulsion or outright terror is arguably horror.

Some slasher films are worth seeing at least once. The original "Nightmare on Elm Street," "Halloween," and "Friday the 13th" movies are classics for a reason. Almost every slasher movie made since is derivative of these three.

Avoid sequels and remakes. This goes for all genres but for horror especially. There are some exceptions—such as Wes Craven's "New Nightmare"—but these are few and far in between. Of particular awfulness: "Freddy vs. Jason," "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," "Halloween H20-" and Gus Van Sant's embarrassing remake of "Psycho."

Approach direct-to-video releases with extreme caution. Most video stores have shelves somewhere that are stocked with these putrid little things, like the leftovers of "The Blair Witch Project" craze.

They're usually shot with video instead of film



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(and yes, that makes a difference) and their "actors" are unknown for a very good reason. You can usually tell which of these movies to avoid by looking at the video's cover. If the video cover looks terrible, it probably isn't lying.

Most B-films and a lot of independent horror films suck outright, but some are worth your time, and a few

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Snow fun in winter



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Charlie Smith, a junior in applied math decided to find local hills to practice his snowboard tricks. This particular venture was at a hill across from the Swiss Miss Factory.



FAR FROM
Eric Iverson

Some of you may hate all this white stuff. I, however, love it. The more the merrier. Bring it on. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with my friends doing crazy things in the snow. Don't get any strange ideas about that last comment.

I figured if I did a Top 10 list, it would be a Letterman rip-off. Five items isn't much of a list, so I decided seven was just right. Here are the top seven things to do this winter in Menomonie.

Coming in last place is ice-skating. I'm sorry to all the Gretzky and Harding wanna-bes, but I'm just not a fan of ice-skating. That's why it's in last place. But just so you know, there is an outdoor rink at Wilson Park and an indoor rink at the Dunn County Fairgrounds.

The penultimate winter activity goes to broomball or boot hockey. This is pretty self-explanatory. Get a group of friends and play hockey with brooms, boots and balls.

Fifth place goes to super-slushies. Why go to Dairy Queen when you can make your own? Grab a cup o' snow, add your favorite juice or booze and you are good to go!

Now the fun starts. Tray-sliding takes fourth place in the list. There are two fun things to do with your standard fast-food tray. I don't care how you "acquire" them, but just make sure it's legal.

The first thing to try is using the tray as a sled. This will get old in about 10 minutes because a tray really isn't that good of a sled. So when you're bored of this, find a front-wheel-drive car, and stick a tray under each of the rear wheels. Lock the emergency brake, and start whippin' donuts. Just make sure you're doing it on your property with someone else's car. I'm sure this isn't good for your car, nor is it legal to do on public property. But is it ever fun.

Everyone loves snow forts. They're like your own apartment without rent, spiders and landlords. That's why third place goes to snow forts. And no, you're not too old for this. Find a big snow bank and dig some tunnels. Make a micro fridge for beer and snowballs. Whenever a neighbor, elderly person, or police officer walks by, throw one snowball high in the air (decoy) and throw the second right at them. Oh wait, I'm just kidding about the elderly…and the snowballs…and the snow forts. You're too old for that.

Have you seen "Fight Club?" Second place goes to a version of "Fight Club" called Snowball Fight Club. First rule: Don't talk about Snowball Fight Club. Second rule: Don't talk about Snowball Fight club. Third rule: According to University Law UWS 18.06.27, "THROWING HARD OBJECTS: No person may, in a manner likely to cause physical harm or property damage, throw, drop, kick, hit or otherwise project any hard object, bottle, can, container, snowball, or other item of a similar nature on university lands or within or from within university buildings or facilities."

And in first place is the winner, the granddaddy of fun in the snow. Of course, I'm talking about sledding. Find a good steep hill anywhere in Dunn County. There are plenty to choose from, trust me. Just watch out for the ones that have signs that read, "NO TRESSPASSING," or "BEWARE OF DOG!" Build a jump, and with your choice of vessel, whether it is a pair of skis; a snowboard; an inter-tube or a toboggan, fly off the jump. If you can't find a hill, there are plenty that I have found, which I'll share with you.

First of all, there's the hill behind Wigen. For added difficulty, try the wooden stairs. There are also hills behind the cop shop, behind Applied Arts, at Wakanda Park, along the Red Cedar Trail, by the huge Charter antenna, at the Dunn County Fairgrounds and last, but not least, the very steep and challenging hill from Waterfront to the lake.

Disclaimer: 1-4 are illegal, but try at your own risk.

Slasher / A look back on horror movies of the past

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are better than Hollywood has the guts to put out.

Most good zombie films fall into this category. Sam Raimi's "Evil Dead" trilogy, the original "Night of the Living Dead," and "28 Days Later" are all worth watching, no matter your tastes.

Look to the past. I don't just mean the films of Alfred Hitchcock, but if you consider yourself a scary movie connoisseur, then you have no business missing "The Birds" or the original "Psycho." These films play more on suspense than on revulsion, which is always a good thing.

Give the old Hammer films a try too. Hammer was the British production company that spawned the Christopher Lee series of "Dracula" films. These movies can be incredibly dumb, but they make great late night fare.

Speaking of "Dracula," there's a silent film classic called "Nosferatu" that is perhaps the best vampire film ever made.

If you're rolling your eyes at the mention of a silent film, then please stop. This film is better and more entertaining than any slasher movie ever made.

Be open-minded; look to other shores. Foreign horror films are often scarier than their American counterparts. Of particular interest (if you can find them) are directors Dario Argento (of Suspiria fame), Lucio Fulci, Alejandro Menabar and Umberto Lenzi.

Now if you're extremely brave, give Takashi Miike, Kazuhiri Sano and Toshiki Sato a look-see. I can't speak for all of these, but noted film historian Daniel Bertz recommends (if that is the word) all of these directors for those viewers "not faint of heart."

I've seen Takashi Miike's "Audition" (supposedly one of his milder works,) and I agree wholeheartedly. That movie disturbs me to the core.

So if you're so inclined, fire up the old VCR or DVD player and enjoy some good quality screams.

After all, do you really want to go outside during Friday the 13th? As if the cold wasn't reason enough to stay indoors.

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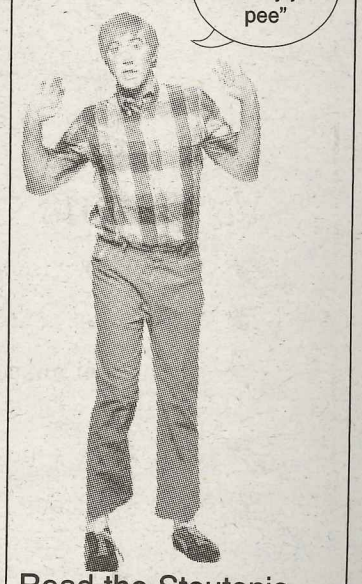
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Miracle leads country out of cold



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

With the familiar plot line of the underdog defeating Goliath, Walt Disney's "Miracle" treads very dangerously on the border of being categorized as another one of those cliché movies.

What sets it apart is the emphasis placed on the current world affairs rather than the struggling sports team.

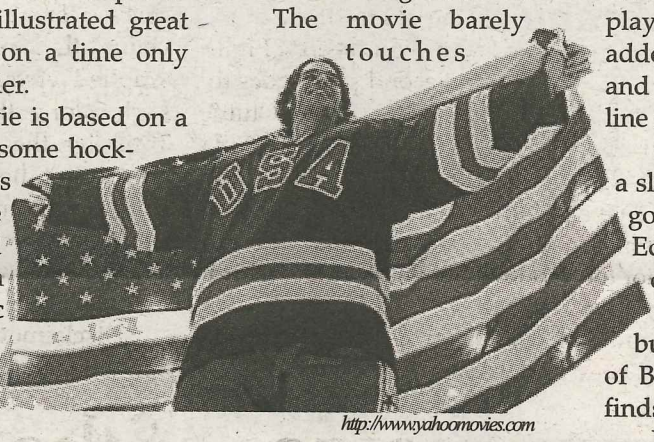
The true story takes place in 1980 when the United States was butting heads with the former Soviet Union. There were a fuel shortages and high interest rates. The opening credits of the movie show the events leading up to this desperate time. This illustrated great background on a time only 20 years earlier.

The movie is based on a group of 20-some hockey players leading the United States to an Olympic gold medal in hockey. The story isn't magical because these young men became a team and beat the Soviet team, but because it gave a country, in a time of despair, a reason to reignite its patriotic fire.

Kurt Russell stars as the late, great Herb Brooks who took 20 men and taught them a new and controversial way to approach the game of hockey.

One of the most pivotal scenes in the movie was when Russell had the men racing back and forth between the red and blue lines until some collapsed. He didn't stop until one player, Patrick Demsey, played by Mike Eruzione, yelled out his name. When Russell asked who he played for, Eruzione replied, "The United States of America." This marks the beginning of the men becoming a team that can win a gold medal.

The movie barely touches on the personal stories of the players, which would have added a notch of complexity and interest to this straight-line movie.



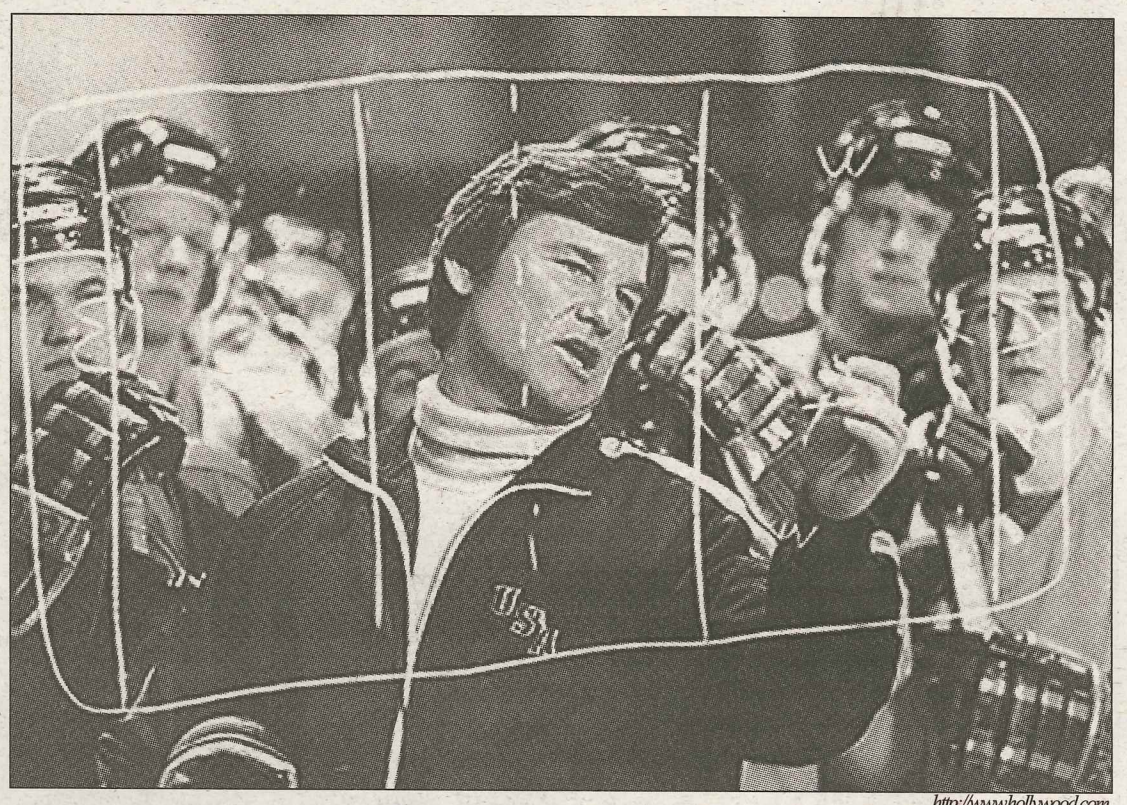
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The only added plot was a slight look into the past of goalie Jim Craig, played by Eddie Cahill. The recent death of his mother throws Craig's game off, but through the guidance of Brooks, Craig once again finds focus.

In order to get the gold, Team USA has to beat the unstoppable Team Soviet, some of whom have been on the team for 15 years. Craig is an unbreakable wall, and though the Soviets take many shots at the goal, Craig's quick reflexes stop nearly all of them.

While the two teams stayed neck and neck throughout the game, Team USA pulled ahead early in the third period to bring the score to 4-3, a score that held through to the end, and immortalized this United States hockey team in sports history and brought faith back to the American people.

This twist on an overplayed storyline made "Miracle" a great movie to see if you are tired of the computerized action flicks.



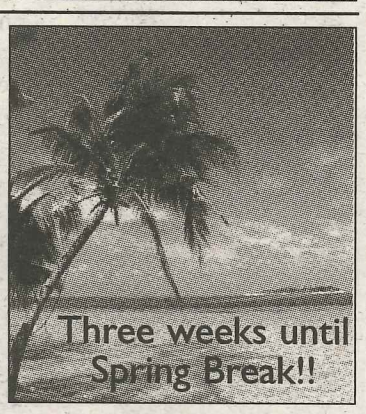
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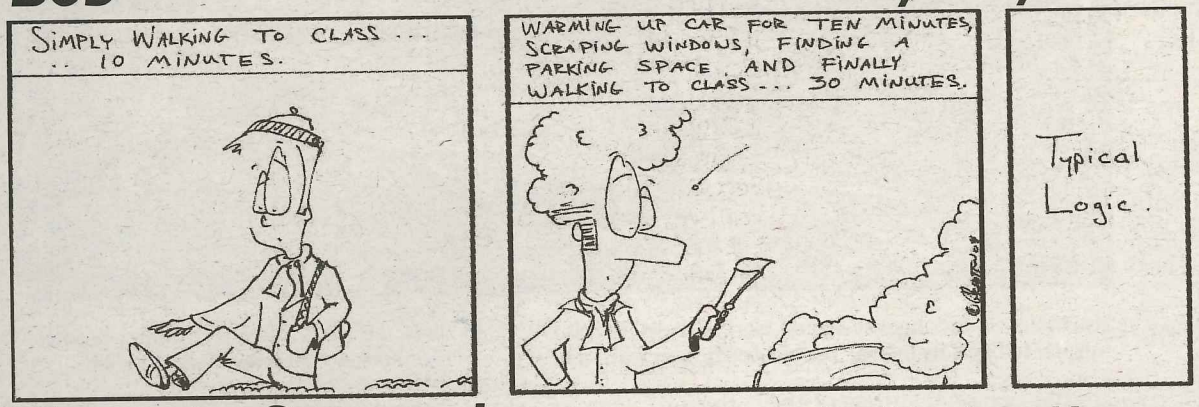
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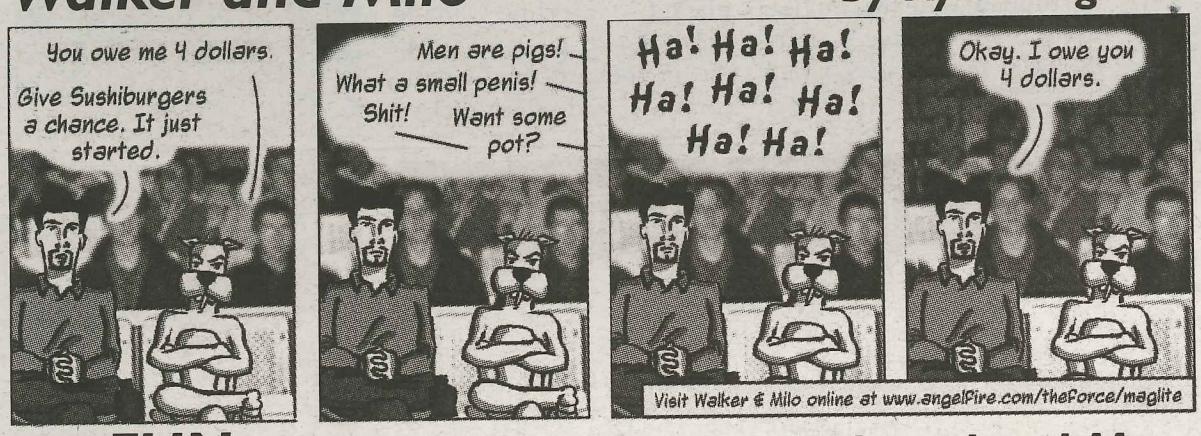
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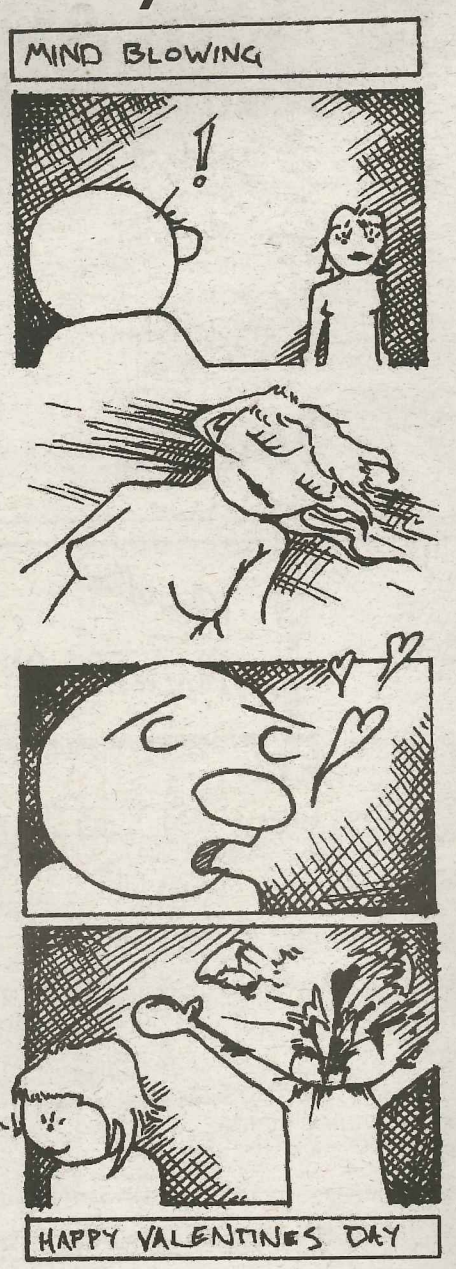
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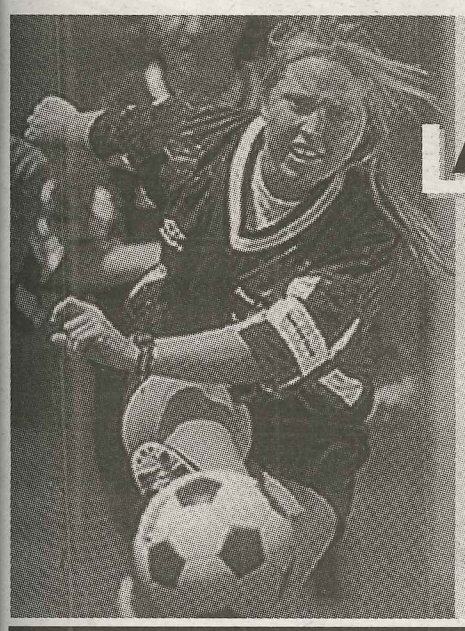
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This week in Blue Devils Sports

Ryan Wessley

Men's Track

The Universtiy of Wisconsin-Stout had a day full of second place finishes and came in fourth as a team at the Bowlus Open, Saturday, Feb. 7 in Menomonie.

The only first place finish of the day for the Blue Devils was the men's 4X400 relay, clocking a time of 3:23:09.

Placing second in the 55-meter dash was Marvin Settles. Settles had a time of 6.72 seconds.

Blue Devil Mark Kempen, took second. He came in with a time of 1:59.70 in the 800-meter run.

Pole vaulters Joe Cook and Nick Onesti, tied for second in the competition with jumps of 14-2 and triple jumper Ryan Carpenter placed second with a jump of 42-11.75.

The Blue Devil's next meet will be at St. Olaf College, Saturday, Feb. 14 to participate in the Border Battle.

Women's Track

The women's pole vault record was broken again by Liana Frisch. She broke the record at the Warren Bowlus Open, Saturday, Feb. 7 in Menomonie.

Frisch's jump of 10-2.50 gave her a third place finish; it was the second time in two days Frisch broke the mark.

Marci Schachtner placed first in the 20-lb weight throw with and achieved an NCAA provisional qualifying distance of 52-1.25, her second best throw of the season.

Ann Schachtner took second in the shot put with a throw of 41-3.

UW-Stout will be at the Border Battle, Saturday, Feb. 14 at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

Men's Hockey

The beginning looked grim for the Blue Devils after the team allowed three second period goals.

Luckily, UW-Stout fought its way back to a 4-4 tie with St. Norbert College, Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Dunn County Ice Arena.

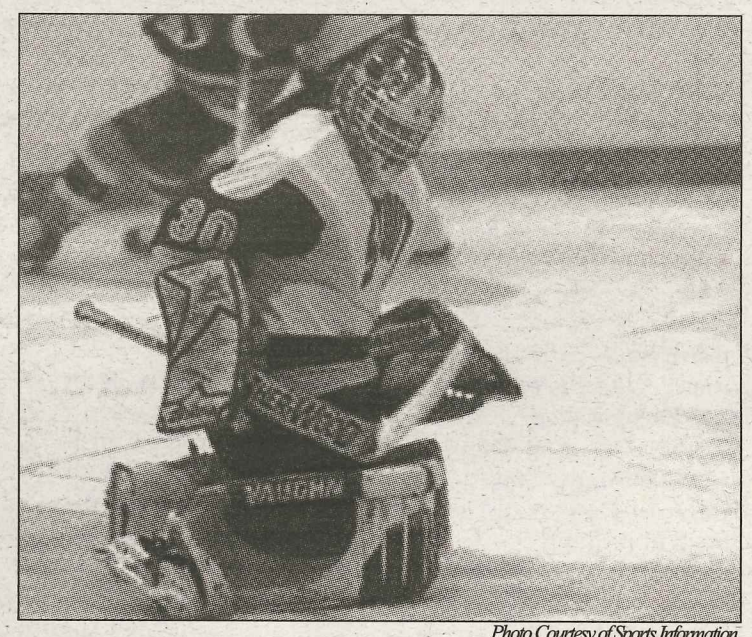


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Jeff Dotson made a number of key saves for the Blue Devil hockey team against St. Norbert. Dotson and the Blue Devils held on to a 4-4 tie.

St. Norbert, currently ranked second in NCAA Division III hockey, had three goals in six minutes of the second period.

Two of the goals came on power plays. Andy Cote opened the scoring at 3:39, followed by Kelly Wosnack, who scored the Knights' second goal at 8:47.

The Blue Devils broke the game open late in the second period when Scott Hellquist scored on a power play.

The goal came two minutes before the end of the period.

The Blue Devils had another power play early in the third period and took advantage of it.

Todd Wynia got another goal for the Blue Devils 2:56 into the third period, but the Knights answered, bringing the score to 4-2.

Blue Devil goalie Jeff Dotson started to heat up and the Blue Devils offense began to fight back with five minutes left in the game.

Joe Edin had an unassisted goal at the 15:05 mark followed by Jeff DeFrancesca's goal 25 seconds later to tie the game. The score would remain tied at four.

Dotson had 54 saves on the night and played well in the extra period, stopping point blank shots, which allowed UW-Stout to hang on.

St. Norbert had a powerful offense, out shooting the Blue Devils, 58-31.

The tie was basically a win for the Blue Devils, who finally snapped a 15-game losing streak to St. Norbert.

UW-Stout's record is 1-15-1 against St. Norbert, the team's only win against the Knights came during the 1969-70 season.

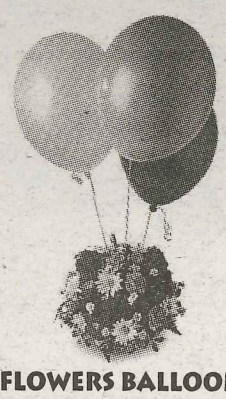
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Review/Sports week

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The Blue Devils will close out the regular season this weekend by traveling to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Friday, Feb. 13 and to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Saturday, Feb. 14.

Gymnastics

Three gymnasts placed their personal best as UW-Stout took third place in their home triangular.

The Blue Devils hosted the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire, Friday, Feb. 6 at Johnson Fieldhouse.

Rhian Paulson placed second on the floor exercise with a score of 9.525.

Lesley Rick was seventh on the vault with a score of 9.075.

Liz Karkula placed seventh on the floor with a score of 9.05.

Paulson also finished fifth on the vault scoring 9.075 as the Blue Devils had their season high team score of 169.90

UW-Stout returns to action Friday, Feb. 13; the team will travel to Hamline University.



Photos Courtesy of Sports Information

The gymnastics team posted its best score of the season this week at its home triangular. Three women put up personal bests in the competition as UW-Stout finished third.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Liana Frisch

For the third time this season, Liana Frisch broke the University of Wisconsin-Stout pole vault record.

Frisch broke her own record by leaping a height of 10-feet 2.5-inches.

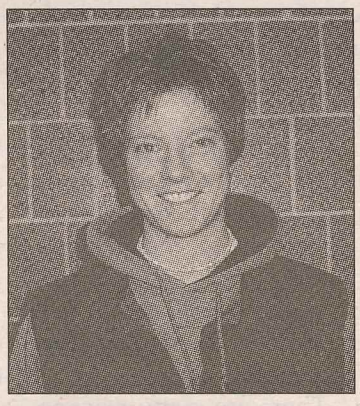
Not only was it the third time that Fisch has broken the record, but it was the second time in two consecutive days the record was broken.

Frisch, a freshman, broke the UW-Stout record in her first collegiate performance with a 9-feet 6.5-inch jump.

The previous record was a 9-feet 4.5-inch jump by Andi Schwabenlender and Katie Ploog.

The Facts:
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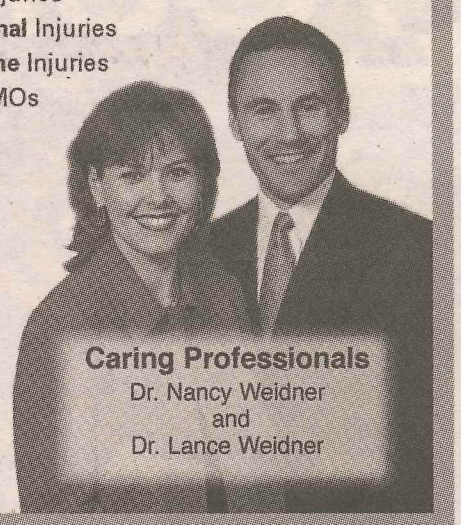
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Crunch time in full force

Wesley Simonis

With the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) basketball tournament on the horizion for the Lady Blue Devils basketball team, it will soon be time to see how the hard work has paid off.

It has been a solid season for the lady Blue Devils, and with only three games of the regular season remaining, the time to battle for position is now.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has a record of 15-7, and it is fighting for a fourth place seed in the conference tournament.

"We control our own destiny, and that is something we have taken a focus on," said head coach Mark Thomas. "If we can win the rest of our games, we'll get the fourth seed for the tournament."

There are many reasons why the UW-Stout girls could not only finish at or near the top of their conference tournament but have the ability to run with the teams in the NCAA division three tournament in March.

The Lady Blue Devils have posted multiple win streaks throughout the season. Besides starting the season with a bang by winning the first five games, UW-Stout posted a six game winning streak in early January and was defeated only three times that month.

Another driving force behind the lady Blue Devils is their ability to improve on their weaknessess.

"Mental toughness and overall flow of the game is where we need to improve," said Thomas. "We also have to be better at putting pressure on when we get a chance, and answering quickly if pressure is put on us."

Thomas also mentioned that at this point of the season the team only is working on small corrections and fine tuning the overall game.

Another thing that puts the lady Blue Devils in contention is the fact that the team has defeated every team in the conference but one at least once this season.

The only conference team to win both games against the women so far was the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The Pointers defeated UW-Stout by one point on Dec. 9 and are currently ranked seventh in the nation.

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh has defeated the Blue Devils once, but UW-Stout gets a chance at revenge on Sat. Feb. 14 at Johnson Fieldhouse.

If the lady Blue Devils can win against UW-Oshkosh on Feb. 14, only one team in the conference will have swept them.

"There are no teams in the conference that scare us," said Thomas. "There are teams that are exceptional and make you play your best to beat them, but we know our team can play with them."

The Lady Blue Devils have three games remaining for the regular season, including the UW-Oshkosh game. These games will set the pace for the Blue Devils as they approach the tournament.

If the Blue Devils hang on to their fouth place seed, they face the number five seed in the first round of the tournament which begins on Feburary 23.

"We need to reach our peak as we go into the [WIAC] tournament," said Thomas. "If that happens we will play well in the tounament."



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With the season coming to a close, the UW- Stout women's basketball team works to move up in confrence ranking. They are currently fourth in the WIAC.

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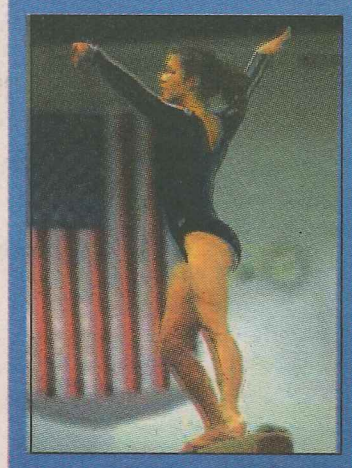
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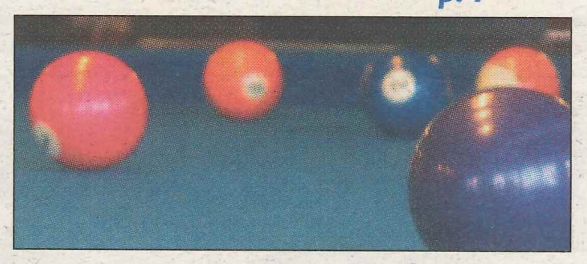
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Nomination chase isn't over

Kerry gets the win, Edwards finishes strong, Dean calls it quits

Joel Shaw

Howard Dean conceded defeat in a Vermont minute early Wednesday despite his Tuesday evening optimism, after failing to seize the cheese at the Wisconsin polls of public opinion.

A record February crowd of voters slipped their ballots into the political pool, and what came out of the wash was the now familiar laundry list of John Kerry, John Edwards, Dean, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton, receiving 40, 34, 18, 3, and 2 percent respectively. The numbers do not add up due to the fact that some Clark supporters are still hoping for a comeback and are casting their votes away.

Of the estimated four million registered voters, some 40 percent answered the call to the polls. This exceeds the last record turnout back in the spring of 1980 according to The Capital Times. The newspaper attributed the size of the throng, in part, to the anti-casino deal in Dane County. The Ho-Chunk Nation failed to lay down the winning hand and will have to get out of Dane and look for players elsewhere.

Wisconsin is seventeenth on the list of primary and caucus events. The big winner, Kerry, was jubilant before a crowd of supporters that included Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle.

Doyle was noticeably delighted that the nation's focus was on Wisconsin for two weeks and thanked the other candidates. He said that now is the time to focus on jobs, schools and health care.

Kerry has said that one of his first presidential goals is to create 500,000 new jobs. He is also taking a strong position on eliminating America's dependence on foreign oil supplies.

"Get ready, a new day is on the way," Kerry said.

Kerry sent a message to Washington in an effort to establish his own brand of trade agreements.

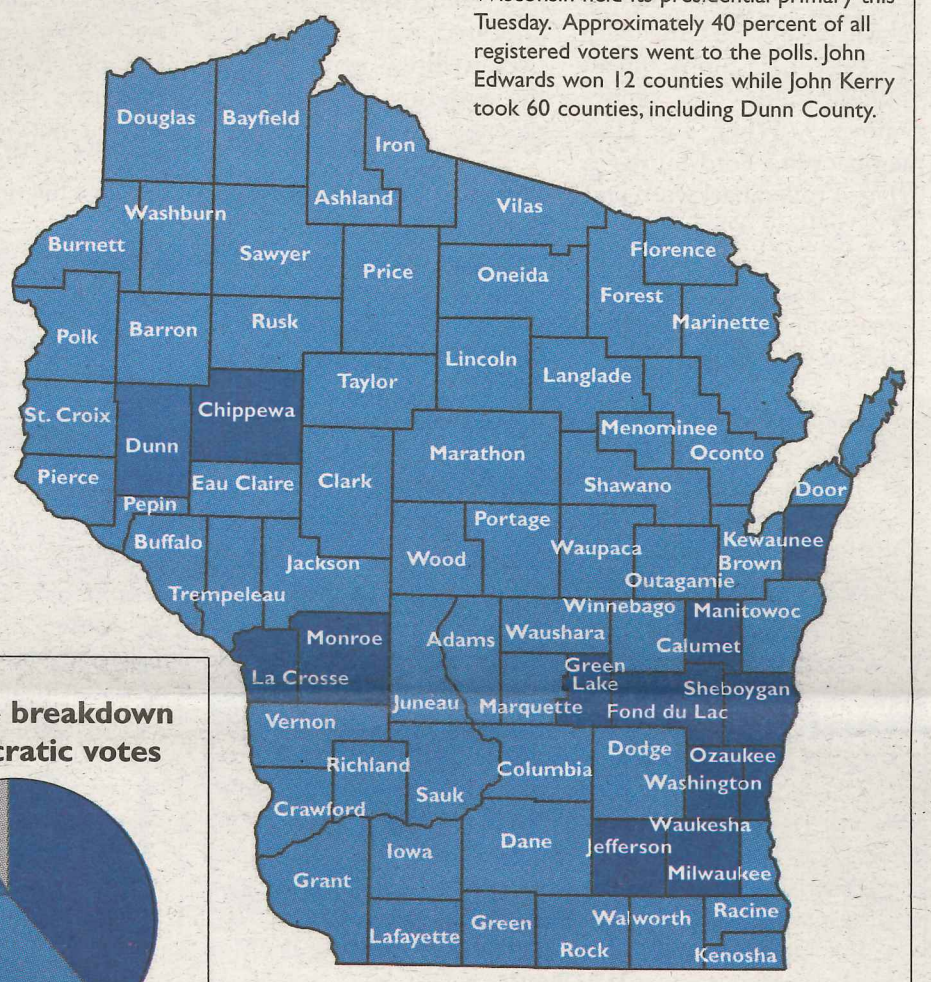
"We will out-source George W. Bush," Kerry yelled to the Madison crowd.

The Associated Press reported from the still hopeful Edwards camp, saying

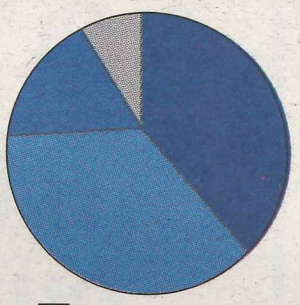
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Wisconsinites vote

Wisconsin held its presidential primary this Tuesday. Approximately 40 percent of all registered voters went to the polls. John Edwards won 12 counties while John Kerry took 60 counties, including Dunn County.



Statewide breakdown of democratic votes



Dunn County breakdown of democratic votes

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Kerry	1,754	42.7
Edwards	1,148	28.0
Dean	843	20.5
Other	358	8.8
Total votes	4,103	

Counties won by Kerry
Counties won by Edwards
Dunn County

Data source: Associated Press
Illustration by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Boxers, briefs?

Former student caught taking a peek

Chelsea Rickert

University Police were called on Monday, Jan. 26 regarding suspicious activity in CKTO residence hall. Benjamin Boss was apprehended that evening and brought into custody for breaking and entering a dorm room of CKTO.

Boss, a former University of Wisconsin-Stout student, has been charged with the class C felony of burglary and the class B misdemeanor for disorderly conduct. He allegedly broke into a male student's dorm room and stole a few pairs of the student's boxer shorts.

Boss was held in custody at the Dunn County Jail while University Police took out a search warrant for his apartment and executed a search for the missing boxers.

No one would offer comments about this particular incident, but there had been similar mysterious conduct last year in Antrim-Froggatt (AF) Hall. Boss was believed to be the one who was caught last year peering at male AF residents under the shower curtains.

An anonymous student who lived in AF last year witnessed Boss in the act. This student was in the bathroom

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SSA to host Ron Kind

Congressman seeks student input on Higher Education Act

Amanda Herr

The Stout Student Association (SSA), in conjunction with Ron Kind's office, will be hosting a town hall-style meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 from 3-4 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

The focus of the meeting is to get student input on the re-authorization of the Higher Education Act.

Chancellor Charles Sorensen will also be present at the forum.

The Higher Education Act would increase the Federal Pell Grant maximum by $1,000 per year for the next six years starting in the 2004-05 academic year.

The Pell Grant assists students who would otherwise be unable to afford college.

"It's exciting to see a congressman so involved in making college affordable for all Wisconsin students," said Kim Monaghan, SSA's Legislative Affairs Director. "I'm thrilled that Kind will be meeting with real students about how the Higher Education Act affects us."

Kind has been serving the third U.S. congressional district since 1996 and is up for re-election this November. He will be leading similar meetings at other univerisities in the district.

"As a member of the House Education and Workforce Committee, my top priorities include expanding access to higher education and providing students with the resource they need to succeed in the classroom and in the workforce," Kind said in a press release.

Kind added, "I look forward to sharing my initiatives and proposals on expanding affordable access to higher education and, more importantly, hearing your thoughts and concerns regarding your education and your future."

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Damaged state vehicle
On Feb. 11, a staff member was moving state owned vehicles from the University of Wisconsin-Stout Fleet Vehicles lot for snow removal. When the staff member put a Ford Taurus in drive, it rolled backward and hit a yellow cement post. The rear passenger corner of the car was damaged. The damage to the car was estimated at over $1,000.

Shattered glass
A faculty member reported Feb. 16 that one of the glass doors on the west side of the Vocational Rehabilitation building had been broken. The glass was still in place in the door, but was shattered in a "spider web" pattern. It appeared that an unknown person threw something at the window to cause the damage.

Electrical panel dumped on
A staff member reported that a tri-axel dump truck struck a square D electrical service panel in the loading area of the Central Heating Plant on Feb 16. The driver was backing the truck into the Heating Plant loading area when it struck the panel. The service panel sustained damage, though no estimate of damage is available at this time.

Boxers / Student accused of theft

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one morning and noticed a male who looked like Boss on his hands and knees in the showers, peering under the curtains at the other showering residents.

"That's disgusting in my mind and I wouldn't want that happening to me," the student commented.

He alerted Rob Byrnelson, the resident advisor on that floor at the time, and, despite the lack of hard evidence, Byrnelson confronted Boss about the incident. Boss claimed that he had lost his ring in the shower and was looking for it.

Residents were outraged and refused to believe Boss' explanation.

"The story was riddled with holes," the anonymous student said.

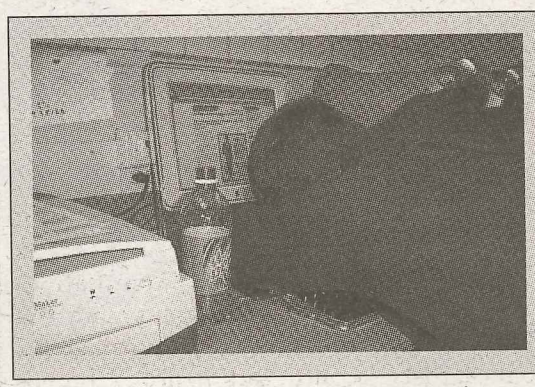
To students who knew him, Boss seemed to be a "normal" guy. He held a pizza party in the floor's lounge for his birthday.

"Usually people buy you things for your birthday, but [Boss] spent $50-60 to give everyone free food," the student said. "That was really cool of him, but it felt like he was trying too hard to earn our trust, like he had hidden agendas."

Another unnamed source defined him as "a great guy, real polite."

Witnesses and victims were afraid to talk about their experiences, which is why the sources remain nameless. However, the anonymous student is certain that police have the right person.

"There's no bones about it," he said. "I knew for certain what he was doing. Maybe being busted will get the idea in his head."



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What does marriage mean?

Courts, legislators debate controversial consitutional amendments allowing gay marriage

Tim Krueger

Recently, the State of Massachussetts' highest court issued a ruling allowing civil unions between same-sex couples. This issue has been a hot topic in political debates, as many people hold violently different views on this subject.

Mixing morality and politics is always a fuel for an intense fire. While one side of the debate maintains that marriage is a religious construct between a man and a woman, the other side suggests that people should be free to do as they please, and that gay couples are entitled to what other couples have.

Massachusetts becomes the first state that will allow couples of the same sex to join in civil unions. While these laws do not have any direct effect on the rest of the nation, they are an indication of the direction of modern politics.

Vermont and California have granted some marriage-like protections to same-sex couples.

Wisconsin has issued SB 233 and AB 475 to modify the state constitution to read that "marriage is between one man and one woman." These changes were proposed in the fall of 2003.

"The Wisconsin Constitution is one of the oldest state constitutions outside of New England and has historically been used to expand freedom and liberty, like granting women the right to vote. This would be the first time our constitution was amended to restrict freedom," said Joshua Freker, Public Education Director for Action Wisconsin in a press release.

Action Wisconsin is a Wisconsin-based freedom-to-marry group.

Action Wisconsin strongly opposes these amendments because the organization believes that same-sex couples should have the same rights as any other couples.

"The Family Research Institute (FRI) of Wisconsin commends the 57 Republicans and 11 Democrats who voted in support of the bill, looking past the heated political rhetoric and name-calling that took place during the lengthy floor debate," Julaine K. Appling, Executive Director of FRI, said in a press release.

"These 68 representatives were reflecting the will of the people who put them in office and understood the core issue: that to leave the current law as it is makes Wisconsin vulnerable to having a court determine how the state will define marriage," Appling said.

FRI is a statewide non-profit, non-partisan, pro-family education and research organization headquartered in Madison.

Currently, 39 states have laws restricting marriage to heterosexual couples, two states have limited legal recognition for gay couples, two states offer marriage-like protections, one state offers civil marriage and nine states, including Wisconsin, have no law regarding same-sex couples.

President Bush says a constitutional amendment may be necessary if judges continue to approve them. The president also said he believes marriage should be between a man and a woman.

Massachussets Senator John Kerry, the front-runner for the Democratic Presidential nomination, said he disagrees with the ruling of the Massachussetts court, but believes homosexual couples should be entitled to civil unions, as well as other rights such as health insurance.

The text of Wisconsin's proposed changes can be read at http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/AB-475.pdf and http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/SB-233.pdf.

Vote / Kerry wins Wis.

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that Edwards thinks disenchanted republicans and independents would hold the door of the White House open for him next November.

"Objects in your mirror may be closer than they appear," Edwards said on C-SPAN, referring to his looming image in Kerry's campaign mirror.

Edwards spent more money on advertising in Wisconsin than the other candidates, according to a report in Newsday. The report says that he is now worried about the cash flow for the Mar. 2, 10-state, super-primary event when 1,151 delegates are up for grabs and air time is expensive.

The Milwaukee State Journal reported that democrats made up 60 percent of the dairy state voter turnout; independents 30 percent and republicans slightly under 10 percent of the total.

Senior general business administration major Julie Derks believes politicians ignore students because students don't vote. Derks participates in the voting process to represent the anonymous students.

She said that although there was a good effort on campus to mobilize the students, there is always room for a greater effort. Her impression of University of Wisconsin-Stout students' political awareness is low overall, but "above average in terms of the nation."

Sophomore Shannon Tracy said she was convinced of the importance to vote in her international relations class taught by professor Janet Polanski.

"I wasn't going to [vote], until I went to class," Tracy said.

Tracy said voting is important in her family and now she will vote for sure in November.

Kucinich and Sharpton are still searching for delegates. Sharpton failed to bring home a strong following. After Wisconsinites had retired for the evening, Sharpton carried two percent of the vote, and, up to this point in time, has accumulated only 16 of the 2,161 delegates necessary to claim the presidential nomination. It is unlikely that Sharpton will be wearing a cheese hat.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel quotes Kucinich from the Feb. 15 Wisconsin debate as saying that he "can't be discouraged."

"You've got to understand the way I'm made: I'm unsinkable," he said.

Kucinich has a total of two delegates thus far, having come up empty-handed at the end of the Wisconsin primary.

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San Fran has the right idea



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

The world is still spinning; the United States is still standing; and the Yankees still buy players. So what's all the fuss about gay marriage?

Around 3,000 gay couples have been married in the last week in San Francisco. The nation seems divided on where it should stand on the issue.

Some may point to the existing laws that read it isn't legal to marry someone of the same gender, but many laws are outdated. This could be another instance where judges need to make new rulings on existing laws.

With such a new idea, there are bound to be unknowns, but is fear and law the way to handle something as important as the marriage of two people who love each other?

Love is love. Gender doesn't matter. Many people would rather live next to a happily married gay couple than an abusive man and woman.

More importantly, who are we to judge?

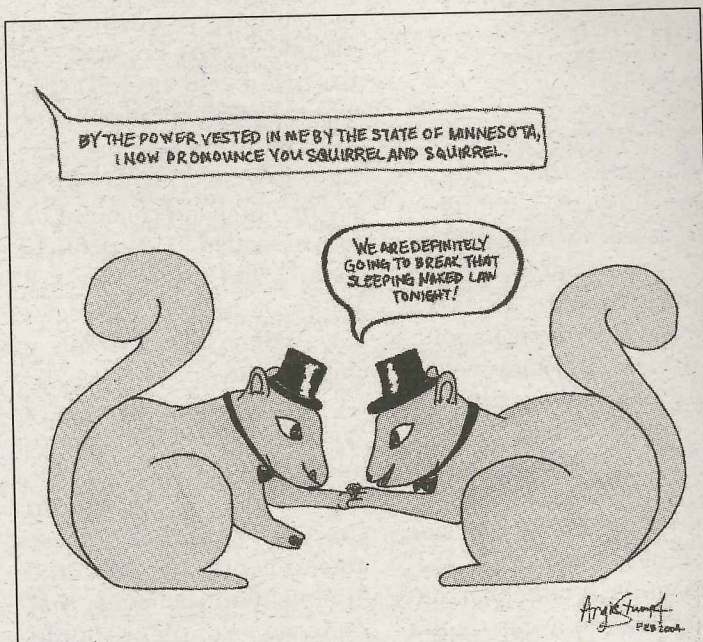
As a nation that thoroughly embraces divorce, where do we get off telling couples they can't get married?

At no point did the Founding Fathers address the issue by saying, "All men are created equal except for the ones that like men."

Just because our laws don't say it's okay, doesn't mean that it isn't right.

Civil rights haven't always been this country's strong point.

Kansas City has a law forbidding ice cream to be eaten on top of pie. Something tells me people don't follow that law.



It's illegal to sleep naked in Minnesota. In Wisconsin, it is illegal to cut a woman's hair. Those are not enforced.

Some believe religious groups that these marriages go against the writings of the Bible. All that can be said to that end is, "let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

In the end, doesn't this all boil down to the golden rule?

Shouldn't we be treating these people the way we would want to be treated? The way they should be treated?

Gay couples deserve respect, common courtesy an understanding. Instead, we are greeting them with fear and apprehension.

Last but not least, gay means happy. So, is there any reason why we can't just let everyone be happy?

Passionately telling my view



A LA MODE
Lara Monk

Is there a God? Is God the Lord of your life? Is the Bible fact?

Last semester I found out that I have something in common with the Hollywood movie star Mel Gibson. Unfortunately, the similarity isn't an average $20 million salary. On the other hand, we are both Christians. We believe that the Bible is factual; the Bible is God's Word.

In Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," the gospel is portrayed through a Hollywood script. Although it's a movie, it is not a presentation based on Gibson's imagination, but rather on the four gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John who were Jesus Christ's apostles, real people who walked alongside Christ.

For that reason, not only is the Bible factual, but the movie and the brutality portrayed throughout is factual.



courtesy of, www.thepassionofthechrist.com
James Caviezel portrays Jesus Christ in Mel Gibson's "The Passion of Christ." Some say it has too much gore.

"The Passion" tells of the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." – Romans 5:8

Many people, whether they believe in God or not, know that Christ died on the cross. What thousands of people don't understand is why he died.

Christ died for everyone's sins; everyone that lived before Christ, during Christ's time and after His death. We all have the opportunity to be saved when we believe in Christ.

The brutality and gruesomeness of his death was a mirror image of the world's sins being afflicted on one person. There could be no forgiveness without His death on the cross.

Premiering on Wednesday, Feb. 25, "The Passion of the Christ" will be showing at the local Cinemagic Theater.

If you're interested in seeing the movie, for whatever reason - Mel Gibson is famous, all your friends want to see it, its controversial and made DateLine or you have nothing else to do on a Wednesday night - remember that Christ died for you in order to save your life.

Gibson rightfully gave all the movie's credit to God.

I thank God for using Gibson to bring such an important event in everyone's history to the eyes of believers and nonbelievers alike.

"No Vote, No Whine"



JUST SENSE
Brain Legg

If you don't vote, you should have to forfeit your whining privileges.

There is simply no excuse for not voting, and I challenge anyone to argue otherwise. Here are some of the popular excuses and why they are absolutely absurd.

1. Politics don't affect my life.

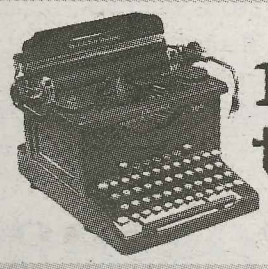
If you seriously think this, you should really reconsider your mental health status. The Bush administration recently came out in support of outsourcing jobs.

This means when you graduate, somebody in India or China will probably have your job and be willing to work for a lot less than you. It used to be just the unskilled factory work that was going outside

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Letters to the Editor

Hey Tim

Mr. Krueger,

I am writing in regards to your article, "Proposal for new religion." I'm not sure if your article was supposed to be funny, but I fail to see the humor. Undoubtedly your article was looking to spark some controversy. Well, congratulations Mr. Krueger, you've succeeded.

You are entitled to your opinion - and I realize that. To argue with you as to whether or not God exists would be a waste of my time. But you should realize the same - to try to convince those who do practice religion not to, is a waste of your time. What bothers me more than your lack of faith, is that you believe religious organizations are a waste of space, resources, etc. Churches have done amazing things for communities – feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, giving hope when there was none.

Besides informing you of your blatant misconceptions about religious organizations, I also must inform you that your proposed "new" religion is, in fact, not new. People, mainly Americans, have been practicing this religion for quite some time. It has been and is, a race to see who can accumulate the most stuff – with our gods being celebrities and other wealthy figures. Our "offerings" to the gods is spending $8 on a movie, just so J Lo can spend $15,000 on a haircut. This obsessive materialism will only widen the gap between the rich and poor – and will soon be the downfall of society, as we know it.

Cindy Yerges
UW-Stout student

Hey Tim, again

You failed to mention that your buddy, Bill Clinton, refused to have Osama brought to the US after the first WTC bombing.

When bashing a president, you might want to ask yourself…Will he take running the country as seriously as his marriage?

Scott Jungmann
BFA 1994

Hey Tim, yet again

Before I start, I'll just say, this letter isn't targeted at the Stoutonia as an organization, mainly because the article was found in the Opinion section. The Opinion Column is free game.

But to Tim Krueger, I say I think your All Wrong with your last Opinion Column. And throwing the president in it was just a wrong fact. Bush is a Christian. He has never denied it, as a matter of fact he is very public about it. What do you base your opinions on?

As for your opinion on religion is becoming un popular. Are you aware that there is a huge blockbuster movie coming out called The Passion of The Christ. if I it was religion was unpopular why would a movie like that be coming out. Heck tell you what I will personally pay for you to go see it. Then I would like to see your opinion.

Jesus Aguirre
UW-Stout Student

Hey Tim, yet again

I read your article on "The Proposal for a new Religion". I am a Christian and I don't agree with what you wrote. Specifically, the part where you said,

"For example, how can anyone believe in the existence of anything that they cannot touch, hear, smell, see or feel? It is utterly preposterous that anyone should even consider the possibility of spiritual existence."

My response to you is this: Yeah, I can't see God. I can't feel or touch him or anything. Here's a real world example now, we can't see the wind. However: can see and feel the effects of the wind. I now want to say the same thing for God. We can't see God. But we can see and feel what God does. There's a lot I can say about this, but that's not the point. If I may, I'd like to quote: "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." – 2 Corinthians 4:18

Tim, I'm always curious what brings on these types of articles because my whole life, Jesus has never let me down.

Thanks for your time Tim.

David Bauer
UW-Stout Student

STOUTONIA 1990s



SPACEDOUT
Chelsea Rickert

Year four of the lost decade was an eventful year to say the least.

History was made on Jan. 18 when the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time.

Janet Reno became the first female Attorney General of the U.S. I think it was just a mistake on the State Senate's part—they couldn't tell that she wasn't a man.

But enough of the news. It's the entertainment that everyone remembers anyway, right?

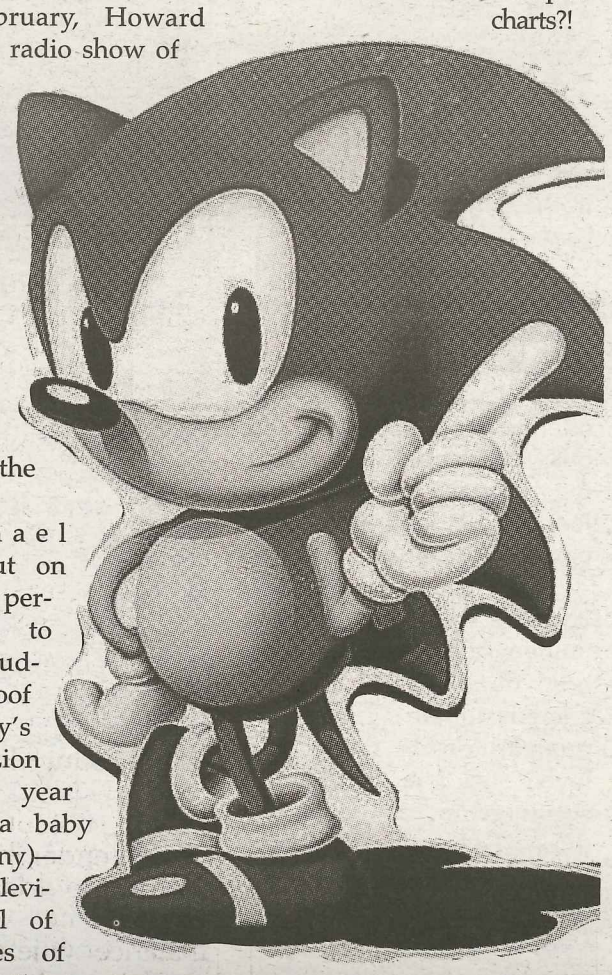
"Jurassic Park" and "Schindler's List" came out, a double wammy for Steven Spielberg. And yes, dear readers, these monumental movies were both based on books written by Michael Crichton and Thomas Keneally, respectively. But I'm sure you all knew that already.



The legendary pilot episode of "Beavis and Butthead," Frog Baseball, aired in 1993 on Liquid Television, then stayed strong for eight seasons on MTV and lead to a full-length movie. I wanted to sue Mike Judge (the creator) for stealing the sport that my friends and I had so laboriously invented in the marsh next to my house. Judge went on to produce "King of the Hill"and "Office Space."

In February, Howard Stern's vile radio show of vulgarity aired. Episode upon episode of raucous filth invaded the frequencies, and he finally made it to television, the hairy perv.

Michael Jackson put on his best performance to date—(excluding his spoof on Disney's "The Lion King" last year involving a baby and a balcony)—his public television denial of the charges of child molestation.



The bands Beck, Bush and Weezer began their careers in 1993 and helped define the era of alternative. Sublime's debut album was released, *40 oz to Freedom*, and Eric Clapton earned Record of the Year at the Grammys for "Tears in Heaven." He wrote the title song for the death of his son, who fell 56 floors out of a New York apartment in 1991. Clapton also wrote two other songs inspired by his son's death, "Lonely Stranger" and "The Circus Left Town."

The number one song of 1993, for some reason, was "I Will Always Love You," by Whitney Houston, followed by "Whoomp! (There it is)" by Tag Team and the remake of Elvis' "I Can't Help Falling in Love" by UB40.

"Two Steps Behind" by Def Leppard fell all the way to 100. Who makes these stupid charts?!

Sonic the Hedgehog came out for Sega, the breakthrough game console at the time. I remember playing Sonic and getting sick to my stomach. I decided to stick to frog baseball.

And then there came the magical breath mint that fixed all of your problems if you were a bumbling fool with an unbalanced equilibrium. Mentos: "The Fresh Maker!" This is a prime example of false advertising, and I know from experience. We will discuss this no further.

Okay kids, that's all for me tonight. It's 1 a.m. and I have to pry myself out of bed before eight tomorrow morning. But I'll be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed with my dose of Mentos and an invigorating game of frog baseball while listening to "Whoomp! (There it is)."

No Vote / must to vote, to whine

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the borders, but not anymore.

2. I don't know who to vote for.

Being uninformed these days is arguably harder than being informed with the rise of the Internet and 24-hour cable news stations.

If you like reality TV, you'll love watching old people get into really heated debates over seemingly mundane issues. If you can't spare the smallest bit of time to finding out who to back, I'll offer my opinion, vote for A.B.B. Yes that's "Anyone But Bush."

3. My vote doesn't count.

Did you see what happened in the last presidential election? Are you aware that men and women are fighting and dying in Iraq to give them the right to vote?

If you honestly think that voting does nothing, perhaps you should move to a country where voting is forbidden.

This may seem harsh, but tough love is what this country needs.

We have both the right and the responsibility to have an opinion and voice it with our votes.

If you don't have an opinion on what we should or should not be doing it is time to get one. Find something that you care about and see where the candidates stand. Things are going to happen whether you vote or not, but you can't complain if you don't vote.

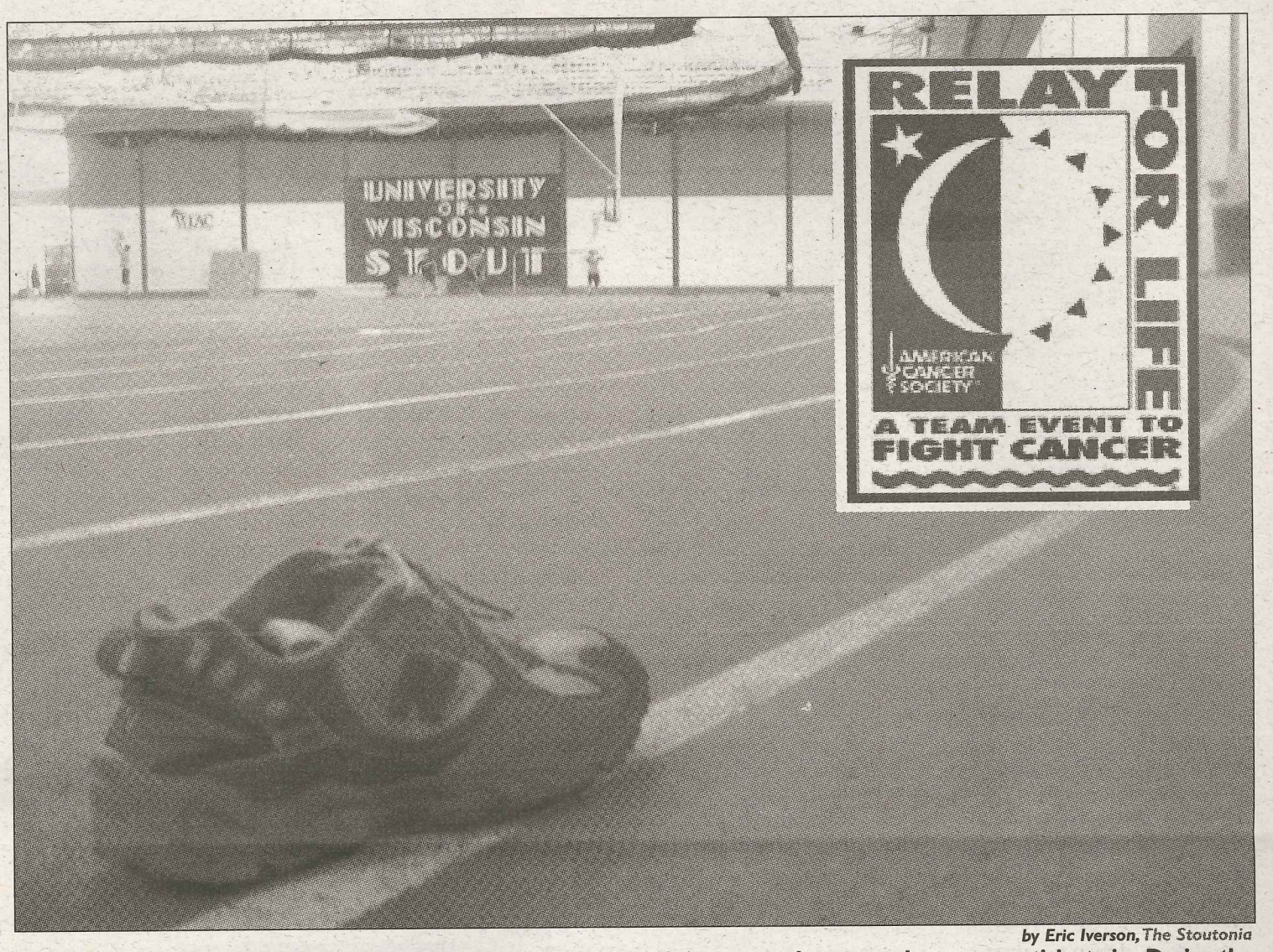
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Relay raises money, awareness

Lara Monk



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Bringing cancer awareness into the hearts of students, Relay for Life is an annual event students can participate in. During the event, students stay up all night long to walk or run around the track, raising money for cancer research, education and service.

Food. Fun. Exercise. Activities. Memories. Have you ever wanted to camp out in the winter but found it to be too cold outside?

Perhaps you have gone camping but froze and promised yourself you'd never do it again. Either way, the American Cancer Society is offering you a chance to hang out with friends, camp out on the indoor track of the Johnson Fieldhouse and support a great cause.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a unique celebration. It has been described as a "huge compassionate support group." Friends, family and loved ones join to celebrate survivorship and to honor those who have lost the battle.

"The Relay for Life is a fundraiser that the American Cancer Society has been doing since 1985," said Adam Enerson, a junior in construction. "It is a celebration of life for those who have survived cancer and a way for us to remember those who have lost the battle."

On March 19-20, the Colleges Against Cancer are hosting a Relay for Life event in the Multi-Purpose room in the Johnson Fieldhouse.

"The purpose of the Relay for Life here at UW-Stout is to unite the campus for one night with a common cause," said Enerson. "We want to show the world that we are affected by cancer, too, and that we are doing something about it."

Relay for Life involves teams of 8-15 people that take turns walking or running around a track all night long. Team members camp out on the Johnson Fieldhouse indoor track enjoying music, food and entertainment, while building friendships with teammates and other participants. Money is raised through team commitment fees and an individual goal of $100 in donations.

"The money raised helps to support American Cancer Society programs in research, education, advocacy and service – locally, statewide and nationally," said Kelli Swanson, a senior in human development family studies.

Into the evening, a candlelight ceremony honors those who have been affected by cancer. "The luminaries are kept burning throughout the night to represent the healing power of community and the importance of funding to find a cure," said Swanson.

"For me, Relay has promoted my personal growth and my awareness of others," said Swanson. "One leaves Relay with a sense of accomplishment, knowing that they sacrificed their time for a cause. The money that we raise at Relay can ultimately save a life."

Currently, there are over 40 teams, many of which are student organizations on the UW-Stout campus.

People who are interested in signing up or pledging someone for Relay for Life can contact Kelli Swanson at Swansonk@uwstout.edu or at 232-0508 or Adam Enerson at ener83@aol.com or at 232-0704.

Event Information

What: Relay for Life hosted by Collages Against Cancer

When: March 20, 2004 4:00 AM- 8:00 a.m.

Where: Multi-Purpose Room, Johnson Fieldhouse

Why: Raise awareness and money for cancer victims and their families.

Breaking out during break

Lindsey Schuldt

Just as students have gotten back into the swing of things after Christmas break, it is time for another break: spring break.

This is the time of year when students rush to the gym for a final attempt to fit into their bathing suits before leaving for a weeklong trip to be remembered for a lifetime.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's spring break will be taking place week earlier than last year.

So where is everyone going?

"What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas," said Matt Bolstad, a junior majoring in psychology. "That's what they tell me anyway. I guess we'll see."

Las Vegas is an attraction for many students. There are many activities in the town for those who are 21. One can go to all of the casinos and gamble all night long. There are also endless drinks and glamorous shows with a variety of show girls.

"The shows are really expensive but a lot of fun; I liked gambling the best," said Brianna Strand, a senior majoring in hospitality and tourism management.

For students who are under 21, Cancun, Mexico is a popular option. The beaches and warm weather are two of the attractions for students.

"I can't wait to drink legally," said Pat Wilkenson, a freshman majoring in construction.

Some students can buy $80.00 wristbands at the hotels where they stay that will pay for all drinks from the hotel along with several night hot spots.

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Stout Watch



Tara O'Keefe - 19
business
freshman

Hometown: Mendota Heights, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single.

Describe yourself in one word: Friendly.

What is your biggest goal?
Live life as best I can.

What is the best way to spend a weekend?
Hanging out with friends and seeing family.

What is your favorite quote?
"There is no way to happiness; happiness is the way."
-Dalai Lama

Describe your ideal date:
Location doesn't matter unless I am with someone really fun.

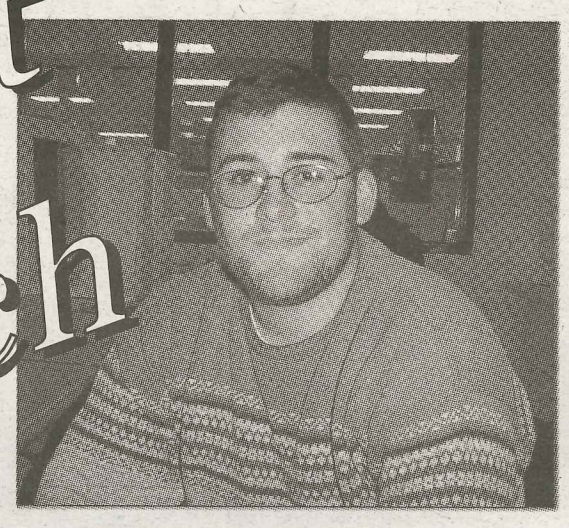
What are some of your pet peeves?
When people are too serious, mad for no reason and estimate to their advantage.

What is one thing you would change about yourself?
I wish I knew exactly what I wanted to do with my career path.

What is the last book you read?
Men are from Mars; Women are from Venus by John Gray.

What are your plans for spring break?
My friends and me are going to drive to Canada.

What is your favorite movie?
Pretty Woman.



Drew Johnson - 22
manufacturing engineering
senior

Hometown: Bayport, Minn.
Relationship Status: Very Single.

Describe yourself in one word: Thoughtful.

What is your biggest goal?
To run the family farm someday.

What is the best way to spend a weekend?
At National Guard drill.

What is your favorite quote?
"You can have the Model T in any color you want, as long as it's black."
-Henry Ford

Describe your ideal date:
Go to a farm auction and bid on some machinery.

What are some of your pet peeves?
People trying to push their religious beliefs on me.

What is one thing you would change about yourself?
I would like to be taller.

What is the last book you read?
Quality without Tears by Philip Crosby.

What are your plans for spring break?
Help my uncle with the maple syrup.

What is your favorite movie?
Office Space.

What are you most often asked?
What'll you have to drink?

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

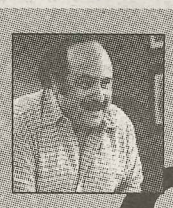
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Campus Slant

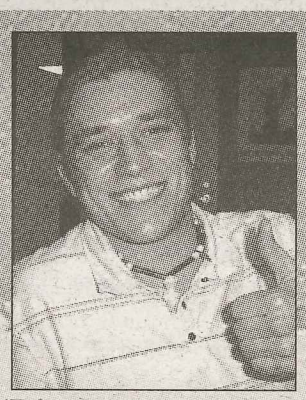
Which celebrity most resembles an alien?



"Danny DeVito, the penguin, there's no other explanation."
Carrie Bulin
graphic communication management
senior

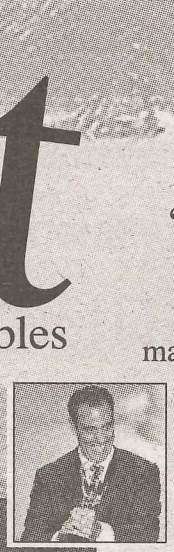






"Bjork because she wears a swan as clothing."
Louis Netzig
manufacturing engineering
senior







"Steve Buscemi because he always plays weird roles."
Brandon Erickson
graphic communication management
freshman



"The brother from 'Everybody Loves Raymond' because of the deep voice and he's so extremely tall."
Beth Gabrysiak
hospitality and tourism
sophomore

Next Week:

If you could name your least favorite professor's baby, what name would you choose?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"Relying on internal and external forces to change."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

I'm tired; I'm stressed; I'm out of my mind; and it is time for a change. I need a new lifestyle; I need a new routine, but it's not coming easy.

Those who know me might say I'm insane: staying up until all hours of the night to do projects, getting up early to go to class and taking naps that last hours during the late afternoon.

It is tough on the mind and tougher on the body. That is why I have made my February resolution: I am going to rearrange my entire life.

It is a bold move, one so colossal that I fear if I do it slowly, it won't happen at all.

Change can be so hard for so many people, and I am one of them. Changing clothes doesn't cause much of a problem, starting new classes semester-to-semester poses no challenge, but making changes to me is something I have trouble with.

We all get stuck in our habits and ways of life, and when we find out we need to modify them, life becomes intimidating. Suddenly we are out of our comfort zone, naked to the world. Feeling as though every blundered attempt can be seen.

The key to a successful change is support and motivation. They go hand-in-hand, in a way, but without one we often become disheartened.

Gaining support from loved ones is one way to shield yourself from blows you might face when taking on a transformation. If others know what you are trying to do, they can catch you when you shift back to the way things were.

A high level of motivation and a desire to achive the change are the most important things to have.

Without motivation, you will get set in your old ways and not be able to get out of them. If you assess why you want to change and what you want to get from it, you will find it easier go through with.

With the help of my family, friends, and the motivation to better my life and health, I know I can succeed in renovating my schedule.

I just need to find the right time, and I have put my foot down, and name that time "now."

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Trips/ Students plan to escape from cold for spring break

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There are many dance clubs in Cancun that are open to anyone over the age of 18. Students can learn how to surf in the ocean and spend their days getting sunburned instead of frost bitten.

"I went to Cancun last year," said Bolstad. "I fell asleep on the beach the second day and couldn't walk for a while. It was still awesome!"

Bolstad and other students on campus are finding spring break locations from advertisements posted in the main buildings on campus, such as Harvey and Bowman Halls.

If students sign up for a trip through these companies, they have the opportunity to recruit other students to come along. The more students they get, the more money the travel company will take off of their bill.

Online companies, such as priceline.com and expedia.com, are offering deals for many trips to places all over the country. Besides Cancun and Las Vegas, priceline.com offers Daytona Beach, Fla. and Jamaica as hot spots for students.

"When I save up enough money, I'll go to Jamaica," said Dan Tollefson, a sophomore majoring in construction. "I just want to see the nude beaches."

Jamaica also offers a tropical flavored vacation. The palm trees and warm weather are just two of the perks.

"I went to Jamaica with my family a couple of years ago, and you can't beat those sunsets," said Sarah Moss, a sophomore majoring in early childhood education.







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There are a variety of choices for warm or tropical spring break vacations. Cancun, Mexico (top left) and Las Vegas, Nev. (top right) are two popular destinations for student travelers.

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Thursday, Feb. 19
>Alex Kirwin, Cartoon Network animator, 7 p.m. Minneapolis College of Art and Design, free.
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m. Acoustic Café.
>Tub Ring, intense genre of music, 8 p.m., Huff's.
>Thursday Night Out, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Recreation Center.

Friday, Feb. 20
>M & W Track host Blue Devil Open, 4 p.m.
>Big Fat Jam, 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse.
>"The King and I," 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $11.
>PONG LAN Party, 6 p.m., JTC co-ed lounge, free

Saturday, Feb. 21
>M.I.L.E.S., Leadership Conference, 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Memorial Student Center.
>Men's Basketball vs. UW-Whitewater, 5 p.m.
>"Bravo," a benefit fashion show, 6 p.m., Grazi's Fine Italian Dining restaurant, $20.
>Women's Basketball vs. UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.
>"The King and I," 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $11.

Sunday, Feb. 22
>"Rock Fest," climbing competition, 1:00 p.m., climbing wall, $5.
>"The King and I," 2:00 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $11.

Monday, Feb. 23
No events scheduled

Tuesday, Feb. 24
> "Wonders of Deep Space," 7 p.m., Phillips Hall UW-EC, $1.
>Def Tux, Revenge of the Robots, 7 p.m., Huff's, free.
>Johnny Stanton Band, 9:30 p.m., The Den, free.

Wednesday, Feb. 25
> Free tickets to "The Passion of the Christ," 5 p.m., White Pine Room in the MSC, free.

Thursday, Feb. 26
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m. Acoustic Café.
>Thursday Night Out, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Recreation Center.
>Naturally 7, a New York-based rhythm and blues a capella group, 8 p.m., Great Hall, $2.50.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

Stoutonia@uwstout.edu



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Pick up a cue

Rec Center's alternative to Thursday night binge

Eric Iverson

For those of you looking to get away from your monotonous daily lives, here is a solution for you. The University of Wisconsin-Stout Recreation Center, located in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center, has free pool, bowling and prizes.

Thursday Night Out (TNO), is an event sponsored by the Rec Center, which gets students out of the dorms and the bars for some free fun. From 8-11:30 p.m., the Rec Center offers free bowling and pool to all UW-Stout students with a valid ID card. Not only that, but the Rec Center raffles off prizes such as DVDs, George Foreman Grills and TVs.

Event	Price
Open Bowling	$ $
Shoe Rental	$
Open Billiards	$ $ $
McDermott Rental	$

Hours of operation	
Monday - Wednesday	12-10 p.m.
Thursday:	12-8 p.m.
TNO:	8:30-11:30 p.m.
Friday:	12-11:30 p.m.
Saturday:	2-10 p.m.
Sunday:	Closed

However, not everything is free. Students still have to pay for coin operated machines such as foosball, darts and video games. But by playing pool and bowling for free, students get their moneys worth. Bowling is normally $1.50 per game and pool is $2.25 per hour.

"I like TNO because I don't have to spend any money," said Bryan Millard, a senior in hotel restaurant and tourism management. "It's almost as fun as the bars and is about 100 percent cheaper."

On most Thursday nights, the Rec Center and Blue Devil Productions (BDP) combine forces. BDP schedules bands to play in the Rec Center so students can jam out while playing their game of choice.

"It's a mad fly venue when BDP brings bands there," said Doug Stevens, an undecided sophomore. "It's pretty fun to play pool and rock out to a gnarly band at the same time."

The Rec Center is usually hopping by 8 p.m., full of energetic students. Often times, the lanes and tables fill up quickly; so get there early!

A legacy of refined sweets



FEED MY BELLY
Paige Klein

Easter, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Halloween have a special bond that ties them together: chocolate! Since most people cannot get enough of the milky sweetness, it appears that the next place to review would be Menomonie's own Legacy Chocolates.

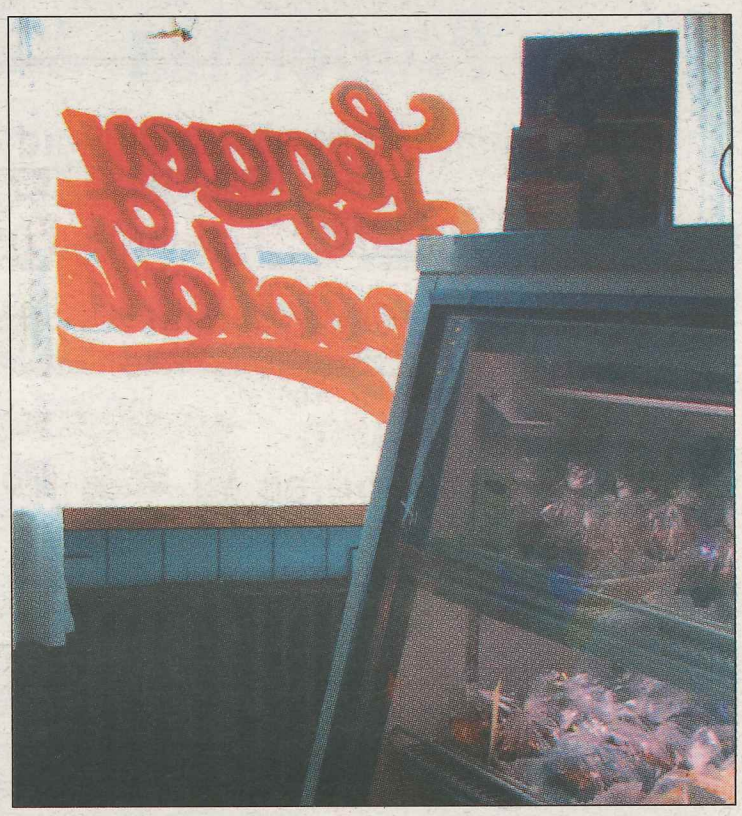
Located on the corner of South Broadway and Sixth Avenue across from the Market, Legacy offers a gourmet chocolate experience. Its hours are conventional, opening at 6:30 a.m. and closing at 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Even those who are not fond of sweets find them hard to resist.

"I am not a chocolate candy lover by any means," said Gina Pipito, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "The truffles are absolutely delicious!"

As you walk into the shop, you're greeted with the heady, dark aroma of coffee and chocolate. Your sense of sight is pleased with a display case filled with an assortment of cream cheese covered brownies and petite cups containing flavor-infused truffles. Then you hear the whirring of the coffee grinder and espresso maker. The small dining area creates an intimate atmosphere.

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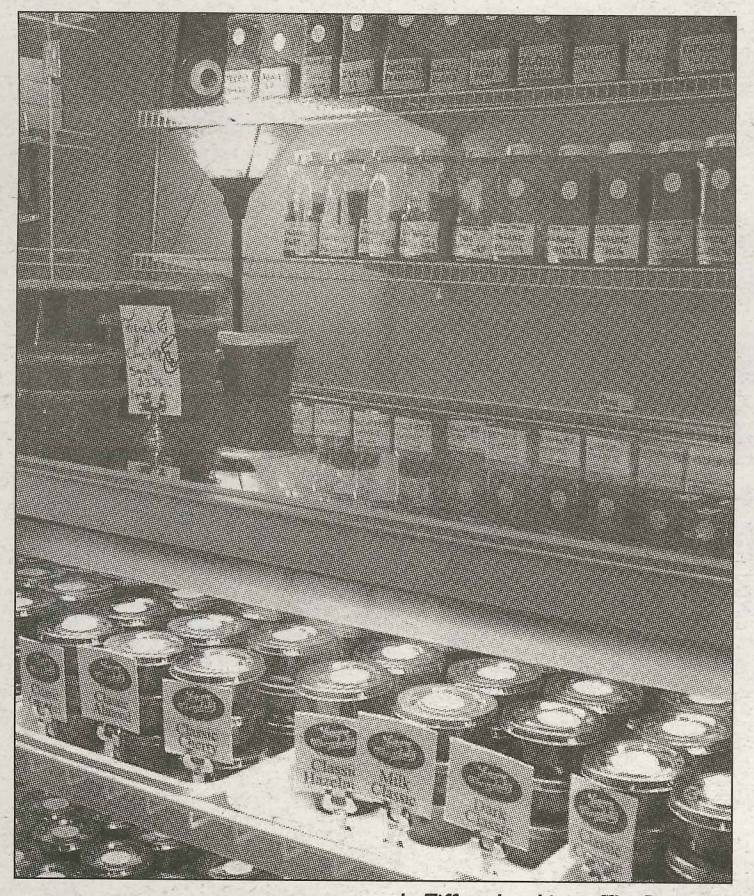


by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

With an array of chocolates and coffees, Legacy Chocolates' customers can customize their selections.

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Chocolate / Coffee and so much more for your taste buds



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Legacy Chocolates offers a wide variety of inexpensive truffles ranging from the milkiest to the darkest chocolate.

Prices are not quite what you would expect a gourmet chocolate shop to charge. You can purchase a single truffle for $1.10 and a cup of coffee for about $3.

"For the quality of product you are receiving, the price is very comparable," said Peter D'Souza, a professor in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "I have found their chocolate to be among the best I have tasted."

That's not the only praise that this store has received. Legacy's Web site said "Legacy Chocolates' Dark Almond Truffle was ranked in the top ten chocolates in the Mpls./St. Paul Magazine."

There are some guidelines you should follow when selecting from the chocolate temptations.

On the label, the higher the number, the purer the chocolate used in creating the truffle. The lowest number is 55, representing milk chocolate and the highest is 82, the darkest chocolate.

If you are still thoroughly confused, feel free to ask the employee behind the counter or peruse the Web site, http://www.legacychocolates.com.

Another item that Legacy Chocolates is known for happens to be its chai tea.

"Collette got me into the mochas because they use real chocolate and not imitation syrup," said Heidi Strosahl, a graduate student in the career and technical education program. "But over time I fell in love with the chai tea. Other establishments make the tea with powdered mix and hot water or the pre-mixed concentrate. At Legacy Chocolates, they brew their tea, add the steamed milk and special blend of spices. It's authentic."

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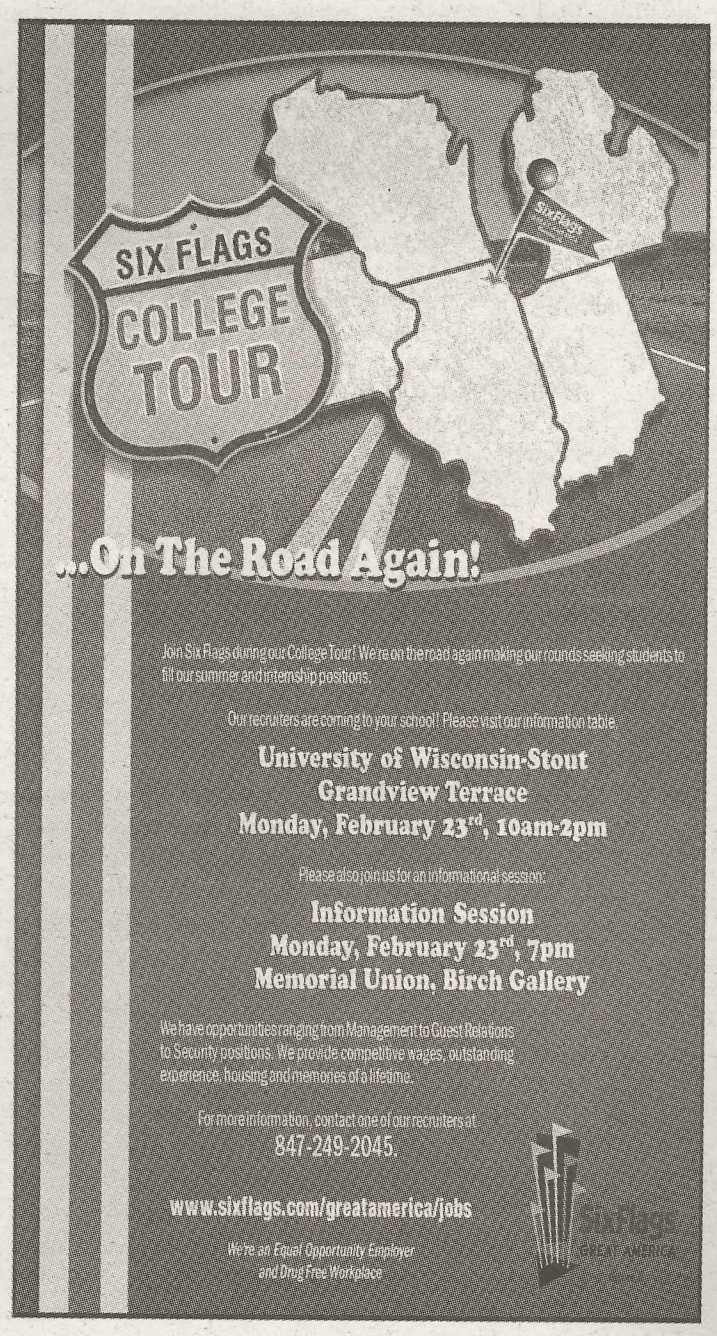
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50 first dates easily forgotten





HAWKEYE
Kyle Kingston

Mixed-genre movies don't come with more mixed results than romantic comedies. Whether it's a garden-variety chick flick or an "American Pie" movie, the majority of romantic comedies end up with too little or too much comedy or an unconvincing romance, sometimes both.

In the hands of most directors, romance and comedy don't complement each other; instead, they vie for supremacy of the film.

With that said, in Adam Sandler's "50 First Dates," the romance clearly wins out. The few laughs the movie gets are far outweighed by the number of laughs it tries to get.

For fans of Sandler's normal brand of humor, there isn't much here for you past the first 25 minutes. But then, if you find a walrus projectile-vomiting onto a hapless hermaphrodite at all funny, perhaps you deserve to be disappointed.

Fortunately, what this film lacks in humor it more than makes up for with a genial storyline that occasionally becomes touching.

One particularly pleasant surprise is Sandler's eventual emergence as a genuinely likeable character. There's nothing bitter or angry this time around, and the change of pace is refreshing.

The story of "50 First Dates" concerns Sandler trying to woo a girl (sweetly played by Drew Barrymore) with almost no short-term memory.

What requires a great deal of disbelief suspension is the unlikely circumstance of her reliving the same day in her mind over and over again. As one character put it, every time she goes to sleep, "the slate is wiped clean."

The reality of this disorder is probably closer to one of the movie's minor characters that has memory lapses every ten seconds. This movie isn't really a psychological drama anyway. (It probably wouldn't have Dan Aykroyd cast as the psychiatrist if it was.) This premise is only an excuse to see if the chemistry shown by Sandler and Barrymore in "The Wedding Singer" still exists, and it does.

What could be a creepy and offensive concept-like, "Little Nicky"-is instead mostly enjoyable, if seldom funny and overly sentimental. Its few attempts at humor—walrus aside—fall completely flat.

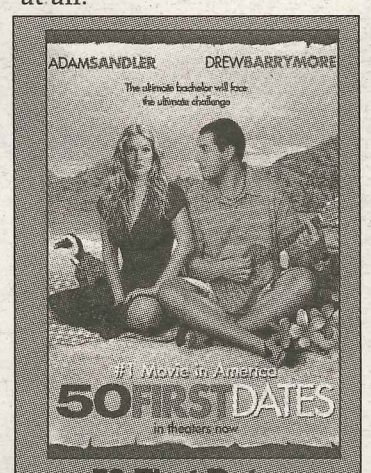
Rob Schneider apparently had nothing better to do than play a supporting role in this movie, and the world would have been a better place if he hadn't.

Mugging for the camera as a Hawaiian native, his performance is so offensive and annoying that when Barrymore beats him with a baseball bat [after an attempt of Sandler's to initiate contact with Barrymore goes horribly wrong;] you almost hope the scene never ends.

Sean Astin doesn't come off smelling like roses either. Whatever he was paid, it was apparently enough to sacrifice his dignity to become Barrymore's muscle-shirt clad, steroid-popping, lisping brother. From Samwise Gamgee to this? Oh, how the (sort of) mighty have fallen.

In summary, I'm not sure why this movie exists. It wants to be a date movie (hence its Valentine's Day release), but it still largely plays to Sandler's normal audience of 12-year-olds.

Still, apart from its aforementioned faults, it's a harmless movie that you probably want to see on video, if you want to see it at all.



50 First Dates
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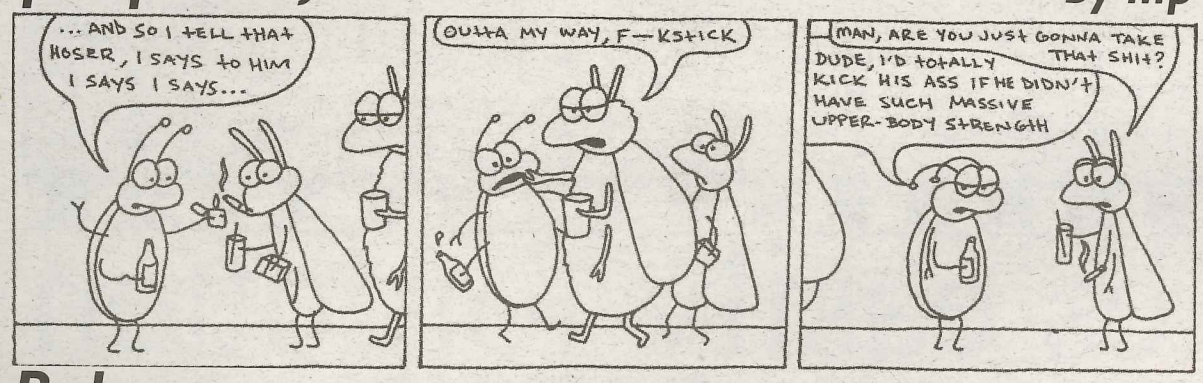
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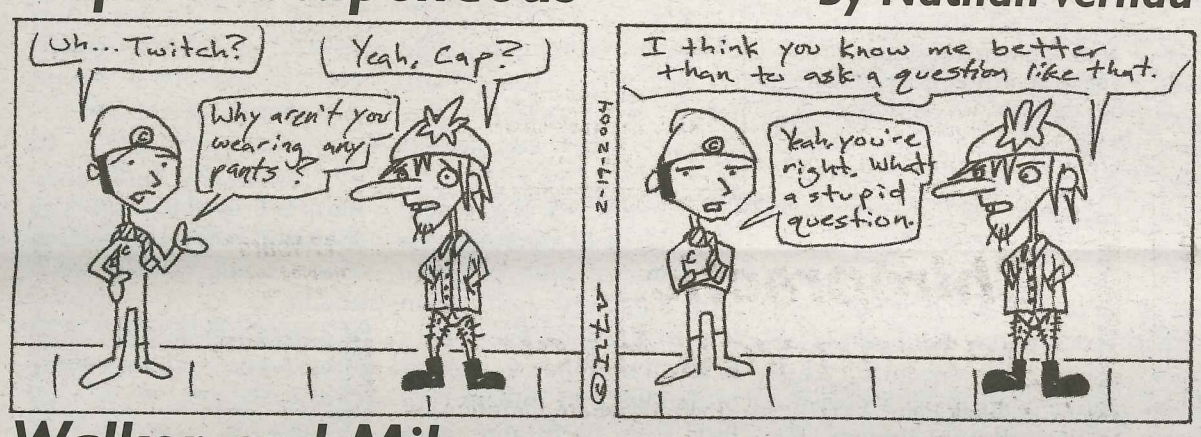
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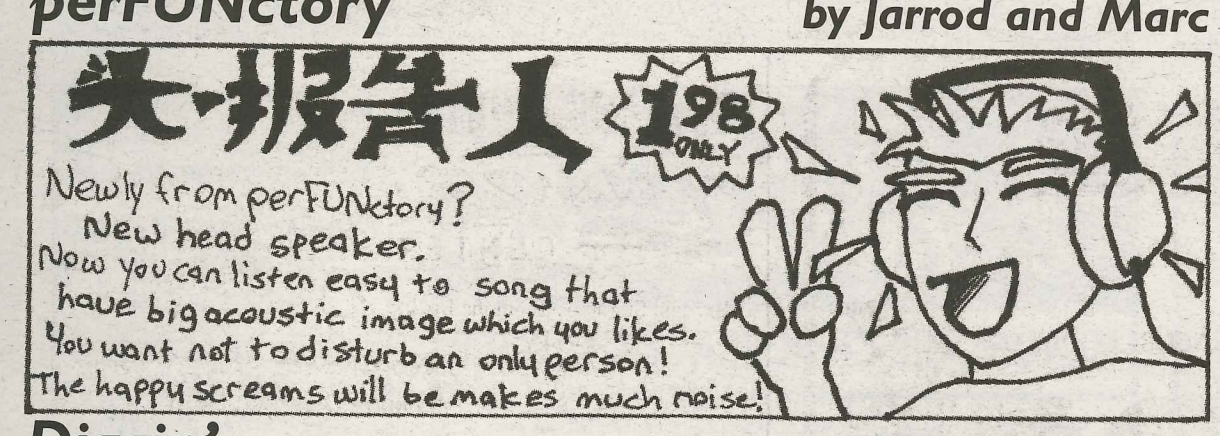
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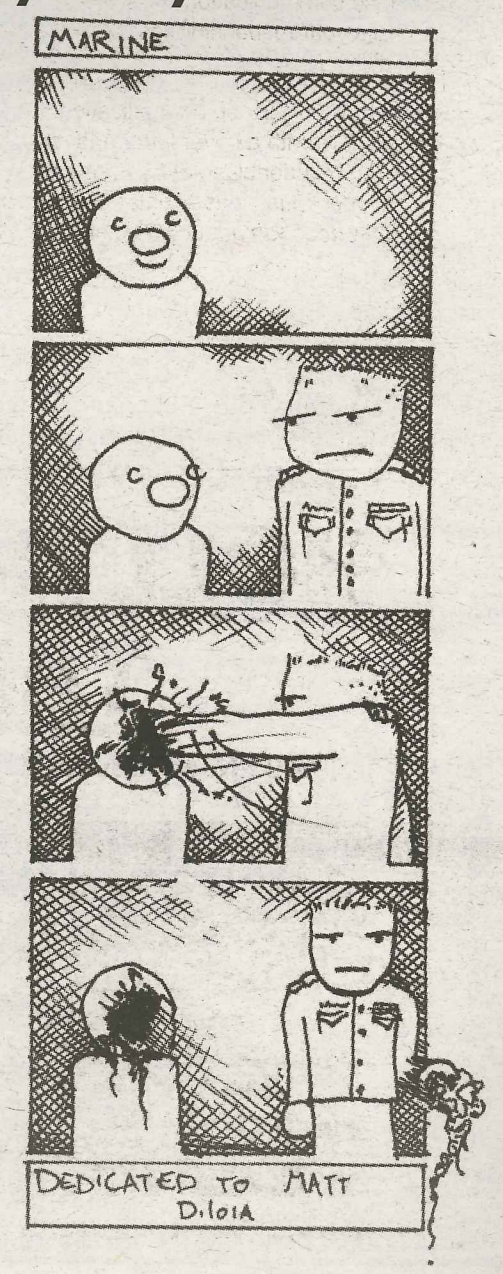
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by Andy Christensen



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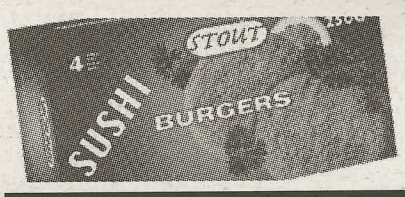
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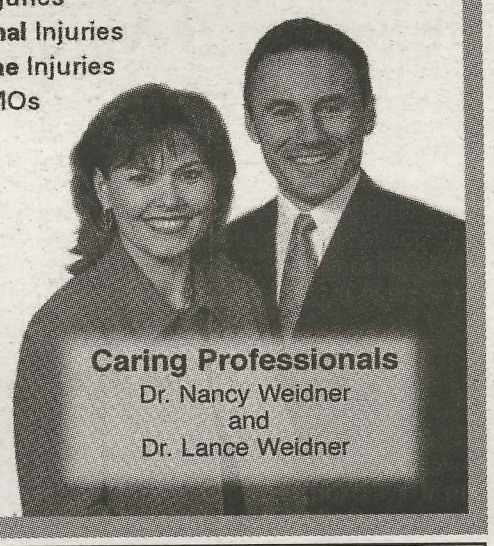
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Reviewing the week in sports

Wesley Simonis

Men's Basketball

In an overtime battle with the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the Blue Devils had the game slip away from them 64-61 at River Falls.

In the final seconds of regulation, Jeff Vandenberghe put up the game winning shot but only to have it blocked by a Falcon defender. Nate Templer got the deflected shot, but could not make a basket.

Vandenberghe led the Blue Devils' scoring with 14 points, followed by Luke Loney's 12 points. Templer finished the night with eight points.

Women's Basketball

The lady Blue Devils, led by Molly Hendricks, stunned the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 79-72 at the Johnson Fieldhouse, Saturday Feb. 14

UW-Oshkosh, ranked 13th in the nation, came out of the blocks first and held the lead for the majority of the first half. The Lady Blue Devils grabbed it back with just over three minutes remaining and held a 37-35 lead at half.

Early in the second half, the Titans attempted to close in on the margin but could only get within one point.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout held on tightly to the lead as Hendricks made a 3-pointer with just over a minute remaining.

Hendricks had 10 of her career high 23 points in the first half. She scored 13 points in the second half, five rebounds and four steals.

Other key performers for the Lady Blue Devils were Sarah Kahl, who finished the game with 16 points and Erin Curchill who went seven for eight from the line.

The Lady Blue Devils will host the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Saturday Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in Johnson Fieldhouse.

Hockey

It was a solid weekend for the hockey team, who finished the weekend with a 1-0-1 record.

In the first game, the Blue Devils faced the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and managed to get a 3-3 tie.

Mitch Kellin had two goals for the Blue Devils, including the goal that tied the game late in the third period.

In the second game of the weekend series, the team played their final game of the season against the Unversity of Wisconsin- Eau Claire.

Andy Weisner led the Blue Devils with two goals for the evening as UW-Stout defeated the Blugolds 4-2.

Kellin earned WIAC player of the week honors for his two goals and one assist during the weekend.

The Blue Devils will begin NCHA tournament play against Lake Forest College on Feb 20-21.

Gymnastics

Although UW-Stout only had one first place finisher, the Blue Devils again put up their best score of the season against Hamline University.

With a final score of 171.375, the Blue Devils' top scorer was Rhian Paulson.

Paulson took first in the floor exercise with a score of 9.55 and had two third place finishes on the vault and beam.

The Blue Devils next meet will be on Friday Feb. 27, when they host the John Zuerlein Invite.

*please see **Sports**, page 15*

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1	1	803 Wilson Ave #3	$400	$400	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	702 - 4th St.	$263	$263	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #1	$270	$270	n/a	n/a	WSG+HotWater Inc. Storage, location,n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #2	$290	$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	113 _ MAIN St. #2	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash Inc/location/n/p/	9
1	1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus, parking	8
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
1	1	119 W Main St. #1	$285	$285	$355	$355	Close To campus and downtown	3
1	1	630 _ s. Broadway #8	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	Downtown location/WSG Incl.n/p	9
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	n/a	n/a	All ult. inc/ great downtown location	
2	1	421 Wilson Ave #1	$525	$263	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	2121 5th #B	$390	$195	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	619 _ 13th Ave	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG,HotWater, Excellent Location	4
2	1	619 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
2	1	1803 _ 7th St.	$450	$225	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
2	1	119 Main St. #2 W	$370	$185	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown, parking	3
2	1	921 Main St. #2	$375	$188	$475	$238	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
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2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
2	1	605 13th St.E #4	$495	$248	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
2	1	147 1/2 Main St. C	$650	$325	n/a	n/a	Util inc./ coin laundry/great downtown loc./n/p	O
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Very nice/ close to campus/ Modern	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$575	$192	$715	$238	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1	1820 8th St.	$800	$267	$920	$307	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$720	$240	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$525	$132	$645	$162	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$580	$145	$720	$180	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$620	$155	$780	$195	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$900	$225	$1100	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$760	$190	$900	$225	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$820	$205	$980	$245	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$740	$185	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$900	$225	$1020	$255	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$780	$195	$910	$228	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$900	$225	$1070	$268	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$1000	$250	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414-14th Av W. #1	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$900	$225	$1025	$257	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$780	$185	$910	$228	Good location in duplex	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1420	$355	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1020	$255	$1160	$290	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$700	$140	$850	$170	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$875	$175	$1050	$210	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	2	516 19th Ave	$800	$160	$1050	$210	Large / Parking / family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$950	$190	$1130	$226	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1250	$265	$1400	$300	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1250	$265	$1400	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1250	$265	$1400	$300	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1050	$220	$1250	$250	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	2303 3rd St.	$1025	$210	$1250	$250	Washer-Dryer/ very nice inside/ large rooms	H
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$810	$135	$990	$165	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2+	115 _ 17TH Ave W	$1620	$270	$1820	$304	Newer unit, Great Loation, WASHER/DRYER	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,170	$195	$1370	$229	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$1100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$1,100	$184	$1310	$219	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,230	$205	$1420	$237	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1350	$225	$1550	$259	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1650	$275	$1825	$305	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
7	2	820 11th St.	$1820	$260	$2100	$300	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	lots of room/location	H

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Dennis Biddle / playing baseball

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said Biddle.

After Robinson signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, other major league teams signed on the best of the NBL players, so the NBL slowly fizzled away.

Unlike their white counterparts, NLB players never received the extra salary bonuses or extended health care benefits upon retirement.

The term "Negro League" was never copyrighted, so none of the memorabilia proceeds benefited the players.

"We played for the fun of the game," said Biddle.

Biddle, often referred to as "Kid," joined the NLB at the age of 17 because he had a passion for the sport.

In his first season alone, he threw for five wins, which met the record set by Bob Feller in 1936.

Born and raised in small town Arkansas, Biddles' mom encouraged him and gave him $20 to get to tryouts in Chicago. He bought a one-way ticket for $14 and took a bus trip that changed his life forever.

"I didn't even think about how I would get back if I didn't make the Chicago American Giants," said Biddle.

Two years later, the Chicago Cubs were in the process of purchasing his contract, but he broke his ankle sliding into third during spring training. The injury ended his career, but he still enjoys sharing stories about the NLB.

"People who want to know the history of any professional sport should look into the history of the Negro Leagues," agrees Dusty Perryman, a junior majoring in hospitality and tourism management.

Sports / this week

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Track and Field

On the women's side, the track and field team was full of top finishers in the Border Battle at St. Olaf college.

Tracy Oostdyk finished first in the 1500 meter run and Ann Schachtner also placed first in shot put.

Marci Schachtner was the other UW-Stout women to place first for the Blue Devils. She took first in the 20lb. weight throw.

The men's team also had top finishers at the border battle.

Freshman Craig Kotsmith qualified for the NCAA nationl meet for his performance in the 400 meter dash.

Tony Fitts placed first in the long jump, as did Joe Cook in the pole vault.

Dave Huber took second in the 5000 meter run, and Ryan Carpenter was runner up in the triple jump.

UW-Stout next meet will be when the team hosts the Blue Devil open on Friday, Feb. 20.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Mitch Kellin
Hockey

Senior Mitch Kellin closed out the regular season on top by being a key player for the Blue Devil hockey team during the final two games of the regular season.

Kellin started off the weekend by scoring the first goal against the University of Wiconsin-Stevens Point, and then scored the final goal to secure a 3-3 tie.

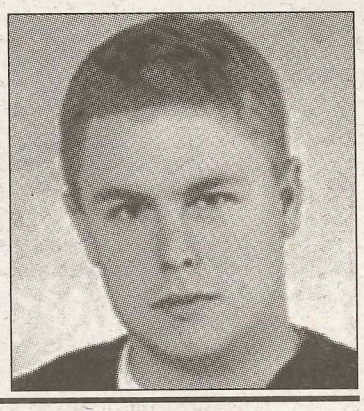
The next day, Kellin had an assist playing against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Clare, as the Blue Devils went on to a 4-2 victory.

Kellin's efforts earned him WIAC player of the week honors.

The Facts:

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Earned WIAC player of the week for scoring two goals and having one assist in two games last weekend.

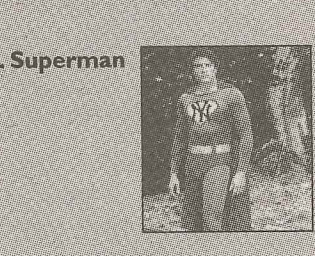


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Pushing it to the limit

Wesley Simonis

With the regular season over, the Blue Devils close in on the school win record.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

The Blue Devil hockey team is having one of its best seasons in school history. The team has a record of 14-9 and face Lake Forest in the first round of the NCHA hockey tournament.

Normally at this time of year students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout have forgotten that we even have a hockey team.

This season, the Blue Devils have fought hard every game. They have proven, not only to the fans and themselves, but to the other teams in the region, that they are now a contender to win any hockey game.

"I'm very happy with how our team has played this season," said head coach Terry Watkins. "Our kids have been working hard all year."

The Blue Devils had a strong finish to the regular season by tying the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and winning 4-2 over the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The Blue Devils also tied with second-ranked St. Norbert on Feb. 7

Overall, the Blue Devils posted a 14-9 record, putting them in fifth place in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) and third in the WIAC.

The team more than doubled its wins from last season. It was only the fourth time in school history that the Blue Devils have finished the season over the .500 mark.

If the Blue Devils can accumulate just two more wins, the team will have the best hockey record in school history.

"This is the most talented team I've had in my years of coaching here," said Watkins. "It really is a great group of kids."

Although the regular season is over for the Blue Devils, they now have the chance to look forward to the NCHA quarterfinals, which begin on Feb. 20.

UW-Stout's first match in the NCHA play will be against Lake Forest College.

In the last two meetings with Lake Forest, the Blue Devils have lost 3-1 and 4-1. Watkins said small errors need to be corrected to stay in the game.

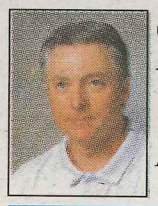
"Both nights we played [Lake Forest] we had too many penalties," said Watkins. "If we can keep our guys out of the box, we have a chance to win."

Lake Forest is currently 17-5-3 with a record of 7-5-2 in the NCHA.

They have the fourth seated in the tournament and UW-Stout is seated fifth.

If the Blue Devils win their game, they will advance to the semi-finals match on March 5.

> "I'm very happy with how our team has played this season; our kids have been working hard all year."



Terry Watkins
UW-Stout Head Hockey Coach

Playing for the love of the game



SOFTSPOKEN
Rebecca Hartung

Jackie Robinson wasn't the first African American to play professional baseball in the United States. The man accredited for breaking the color barrier was John Flowers.

Flowers was successful in 1872, but 15 years later, the International League banned all further contracts with African Americans.

Monday, Dennis Biddle, the youngest ballplayer to play ball in the Negro Baseball League (NBL), spoke about his personal experiences and the history of NBL. Fifty attendees sat spellbound as he gave a play-by-play of his account. The event was one of UW-Stout's highlights of black history month.

"Black history is everyone's history, and we really don't know much about it," said Mary Riordan, Director of Multicultural Student Services.

In 1920, Andrew Rube Foster created the NBL, and 72 teams formed across the country. By 1940, the NBL was drawing larger crowds than its Caucasian counterparts.

Representatives from the Major League scouted out the NBL's action-packed games. The hit and run, bunt and helmet all took root from NBL play.

"They made baseball America's favorite pastime,"

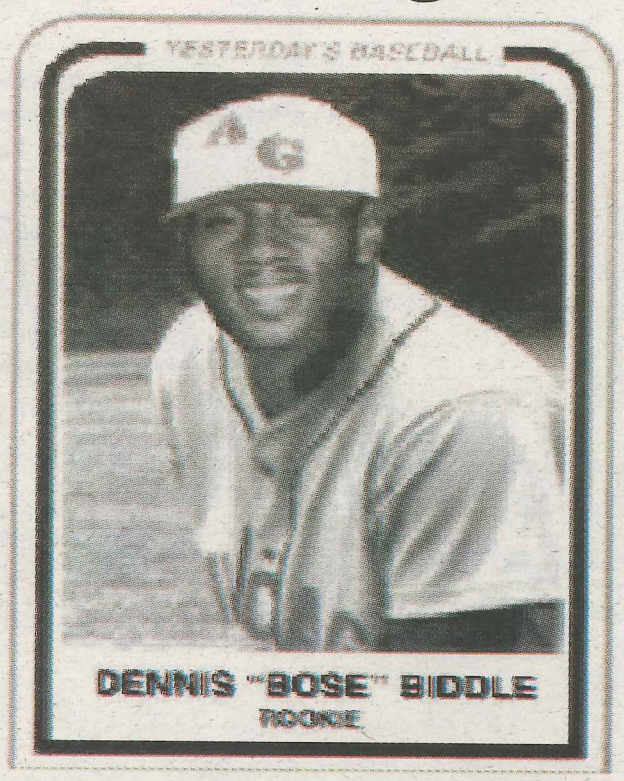


Photo Courtesy of www.ynbl.com

Shown above is a 1953 collectors card of Dennis "Bose" Biddle who was the youngest player to play for the Negro Leagus.

BLUE Scoreboard DEVIL

Gymnastics

Stout	Hamline
171.375	181.875

Next Match:
Friday, Feb. 13 hosting Gustavus Adolphus

Men's Basketball

Stout	River Falls
61	64

Next Match:
Saturday, Feb. 21 hosting Whitewater



Women's Basketball

Stout	Oshkosh
79	72

Next Match:
Saturday, Feb. 21 hosting Whitewater

Hockey

Stout	Eau Claire
4	2

Next Match:
Friday, Feb. 20 at Lake Forest College



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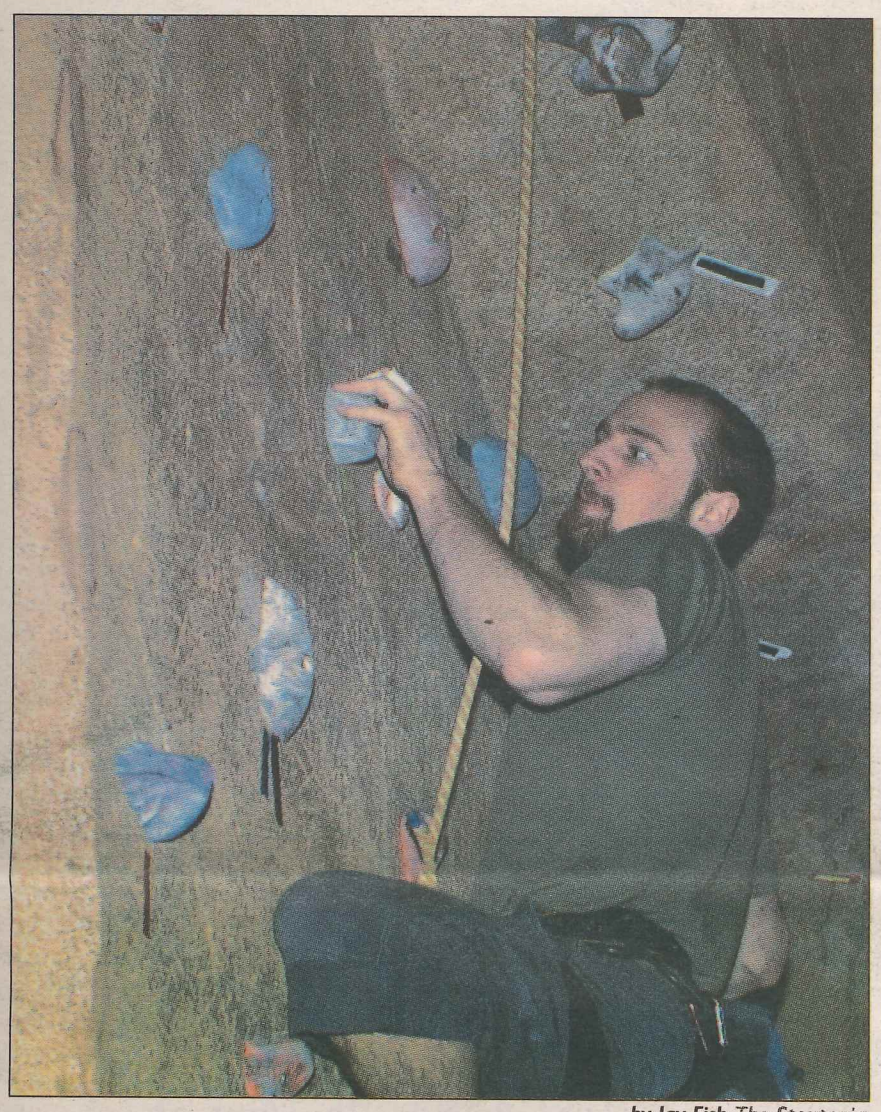
entertainment

The Stones Throw is a music venue located in Eau Claire where people of all ages can enjoy a variety of music styles.

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Rock Fest at Stout



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Dan Sosalla climbs the rock wall during a Stout Adventures-sponsored tournament. More than 35 participants competed in the climb.

Sorensen reassures campus on 2010

Focus 2010 would put more classes online, but Sorensen believes campus life would stay the same

Joel Shaw

Chancellor Charles Sorensen reassured faculty and staff Monday that they should feel secure in their jobs as the University of Wisconsin-Stout moves towards the year 2010.

"I don't think this [Focus 2010] is a very threatening proposal," Sorensen said.

The school-wide plan will be implemented in an attempt to give UW-Stout a marketing advantage over other UW system colleges. Sorensen's vision for the year 2010 is that UW-Stout will become a "hybrid delivery system" that will attract a greater number of local and regional students.

"We must stand out," Sorensen said. "This won't change our mission. We must make ourselves distinctive compared to other schools."

One of the goals of Focus 2010 is to put the entire general education curriculum online. Local and long distance students would be able to access and work on class assignments at any time. The additional students will be added externally via distance learning technologies.

This would allow students to access and participate in class activities remotely. Chemistry students would receive kits in the mail and do the lab experiments at home.

An important issue being addressed in association with Focus 2010 is the issue of getting the faculty and staff on-board with the idea.

Some concerns regarding the role of professors in this new online education delivery system came up during the question and answer period of the meeting.

Adjunct (temporary) teachers are becoming more common on campus as the state seeks new means of lowering the operating costs of system colleges.

Assistant history professor

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AIDS cases rise on campuses

Tim Krueger

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, better known as AIDS, is the most dangerous sexually transmitted disease in terms of mortality rate. Everyone knows about it, but how many people are truly aware of and alert to the possibility of contracting this syndrome?

Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV, can be acquired by any sexual act involving the transfer of fluids, or by other fluid transfer events such as contact with blood or used needles.

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

Many college students believe that HIV/AIDS will never happen to them, that it is something that only happens to other people, or certain groups of people.

Recently a large outbreak of HIV/AIDS cases has been discovered at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. In the year 2000, UNC health officials reported that there were six cases of HIV/AIDS diagnosed, but in 2003, 30 new cases have been reported, making 84 total cases for the university.

"While the incidence of HIV among other demographic groups in North Carolina has remained stagnant, there has been a significant spike in the number of HIV cases among college students," said Dr. Lisa Hightow, an Infectious Disease Fellow at UNC.

The outbreak has also been seen in many other colleges, primarily in the South. Most of the outbreak has been in black men that were having sex with other men, although new cases have been found in other racial groups and sexual orientations.

This recent campus outbreak of HIV and AIDS can largely be attributed to the fact that many students are not aware that they have the virus, and unknowingly spread it to their partners.

Since many students believe that HIV/AIDS would not happen to them, they do not get tested and are not able to make informed decisions about their sexual life.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Student Health Services offers confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling. Anyone who has had unprotected sex, or has any other reason to believe they may have come into contact with HIV/AIDS should be tested. Testing costs $28 to $48 at Student Health Services. Condoms can be purchased for $3 per dozen.

HIV/AIDS cannot be cured, so the best insurance for safety is prevention.

Please see related graphic on page three

Abortion still an issue for Americans

Chelsea Rickert

While democrats vie for presidential candidacies, many issues have come out to be discussed and debated. This year, senators and generals alike have clarified their stance on topics such as gay rights, the war in Iraq, tax cuts, immigration and abortion.

John Kerry, the leading democratic candidate, is in favor of abortion rights.

"I have always believed that women control their own bodies, their own lives and their own destinies," Kerry said in his statement on the 31st anniversary of Roe v. Wade. "We will never, ever let this right be taken away."

President Bush, on the other hand, is pro-life. He seeks to ban partial-birth abortions and reduce the number of abortions overall.

Many United States abortion rights groups are currently concerned with the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, which was signed into law by Bush in November 2003. The act bans certain types of second trimester abortions and does not provide any exceptions for cases where the woman's life or health is endangered.

"For years, a terrible form of violence has been directed against children who are inches from birth, while the law looked the other way," Bush said at the signing of the bill. "Today, at last, the American people and our government have confronted the violence and come to the defense of the innocent child."

"Partial birth abortion

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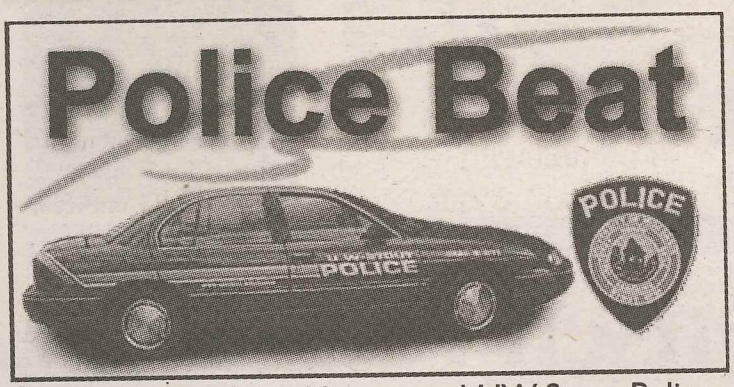
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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 45° Low 35° Partly Cloudy	High 49° Low 38° Mostly Cloudy	High 46° Low 31° Rain Showers

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Police Beat



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

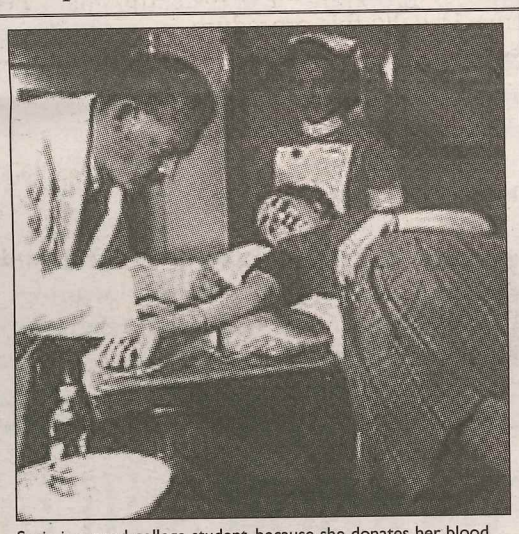
Collapse at Crusade
On Feb. 19 at a Campus Crusade for Christ event, a student blacked out and collapsed in the Memorial Student Center. The Menomonie Fire Department responded and transported the student to Myrtle Werth Medical Center for treatment and evaluation.

Noisy dorm
A Resident Advisor (RA) in Tustison Hall called police on Feb. 20 to report a loud noise complaint. A resident of Tustison Hall was reported to be excessively loud during hall quiet hours and did not quiet down after repeated requests from the RA. The resident had fled the hall before police arrived.

Stolen items
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Hybrid / More online classes

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Kathleen Thomas, who was hired on a tenure track at UW-Stout, is concerned that adjuncts will be hired to fill the additional online curriculum teaching needs.

"More and more universities are relying on adjuncts," Thomas said.

Adjuncts are typically graduate students meeting internship requirements and are paid per course, per credit with no benefits.

Thomas said she cares about her profession and questions whether UW-Stout can meet the state's budget targets and still continue to hire tenure track employees.

"I'm not comfortable with this," Thomas said.

Sorensen said the goal was to have qualified people, and the key to that was to choose the adjuncts carefully.

As state funding of higher education dwindles, the system colleges have to come up with unique and effective methods of attracting and retaining new students and to eliminate or offset enrollment shortfalls.

The thrust of Focus 2010 is to use technology as a tool to attract new students. These same students are also being targeted by all of the other college admissions departments in the state. According to Sorensen, UW-Stout needs an edge.

Dean of the College of Technology, Engineering and Management, Bob Meyer, said 2010 is an opportunity to draw more people to campus.

The first part of the three-part proposal is a statewide mission to establish a new relationship with the Wisconsin Technical College System that would allow for the complete and trouble-free transfer of credits from the technical college to UW-Stout by students who may wish to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Secondly, a curricular transformation would occur as UW-Stout continues to strive for new and insightful methods of teaching and transferring knowledge based on the existing infrastructure. These efforts would enable the campus to become an "adult access portal" in an attempt to reach more non-traditional students.

"Physically, the students won't come to us," Sorensen said. "You kill distance electronically. We're doing this right now."

Student life and routines on campus will not change much according to the vision of the 2010 working groups. However, some new technologies will be added to the student services menu. New services may include online and telephone counseling sessions and online tutoring.

The third part of the proposal is an overall strategy to maintain UW-Stout's position as a leader in education implementation and delivery systems and to capitalize on its positive reputation in business and industry.

Having material posted online means that professors can cut down on lecture time and add more discussion time.

"We are a digital campus; they [faculty and staff] are expected to use it," said Sorensen."

The expectation that professors use online curriculum is written into their contracts.

Online courses are currently limited to 12 students. Thomas says new hires are being given 20 online students.

Thomas currently has 40-60 students in her regular classroom classes.

She thinks the quality of education will suffer as more coursework is put online, and doesn't think she will be able to handle online courses in addition to her traditional coursework.

Focus 2010 was introduced to the student population for the first time during the Stout Student Association's (SSA) general meeting on Nov. 4, 2003.

Because of the state's current budget crisis, Sorensen and the Chancellor's Advisory Council have developed the Focus 2010 plan to provide the best quality of education for the students of UW-Stout.

According to Sorensen, technology should not be seen as a burden, but rather as an investment.

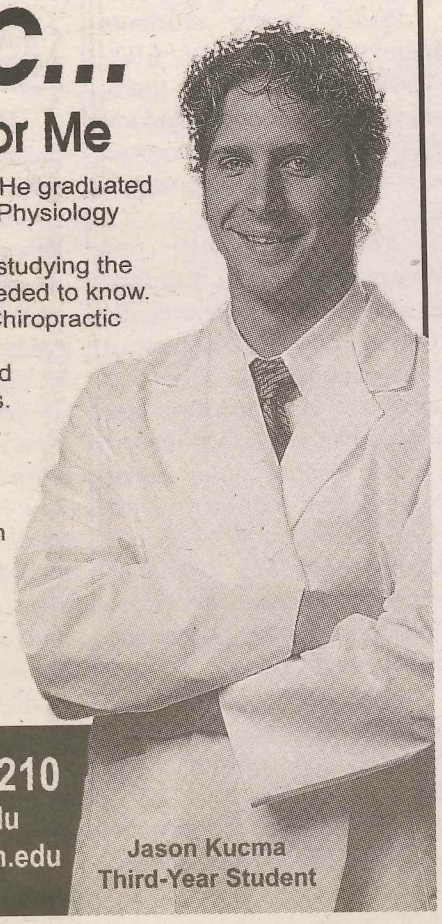
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Abortion / Moral, safety concerns

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(also called Dilation and Extraction in the second trimester) is usually performed late in the pregnancy," explained Laura Cragin, a women's health nurse practitioner for the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Student Health Center.

With this procedure, the mother's cervix is dilated to allow the doctors to locate the fetus and extract it in breach fashion, to then gouge a hole in the back of the fetus' head with scissors and extract the brain. When the brain is suctioned out, the skull collapses and the fetus is delivered, lifeless.

According to Meadowbrook Women's Clinic in Minneapolis, Minnesota, abortion is one of the safest types of surgery.

"Complications from having an abortion in the first three months of pregnancy are considerably less frequent and less serious than those associated with giving birth," the clinic stated on its Web site.

The complications that go with abortion are rare, but include blood clotting and excessive bleeding in the uterus, infections, tearing of the cervix or wall of uterus (which may result in a hysterectomy), missed abortion and incomplete abortion.

> "I personally feel it's a woman's own private choice, and I hope women are always provided with information about choices."
>
> **Laura Cragin**
> *Women's health nurse*
> *Student Health Center*

Meadowbrook reports that death occurs one in every 160,000 women who undergo legal abortions due to adverse reactions from anesthesia, heart attacks or uncontrolled bleeding.

There are abortion-inducing drugs on the market, such as RU 486, which are used only in early pregnancy, usually between the fifth and seventh week.

In the end, the chemical combination causes the woman's body to expel the fetus. Usually this procedure is done in the woman's private home and without the aid of a medical assistant.

"I personally feel it's a woman's own private choice, and I hope women are always provided with information about choices," Cragin said.

Lindsey Payne, a junior in engineering technology, disagrees with abortion and believes that Jeremiah 1:5 says it all. The verse states: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."

Payne said, "How is taking the life of a child in the womb any different than taking the life of a living, breathing human being? Our lives are in God's hands, whether we are surviving off our mother or surviving on our own."

Shawn Peter, a sophomore in general business administration, believes that abortion should only be leagal if its necessary to ensure the health of the mother.

"Abortion is the sudden ending of a person's life during," Peter said. "It's murder."

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'Passion' draws curious crowd

Becky Hartung

Over 200 people packed into the lobby of the Cinemagic Theater Wednesday night to watch the second showing of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ."

The crowd buzzed with excitement and their eyes shone with anticipation. Within moments, those who had just finished watching the first showing filed out of the theater in silence with looks of bedazzlement and awe glazed over their faces.

It was organized chaos.

"There's no words to describe it," said Andrew Sparapani, a University of Wisconsin-Stout alum. "After the movie ended, no one said anything; we just sat there.

"Finally, someone got up and said a prayer and told us we could go. I don't think people would have gotten up otherwise."

As an outreach to the campus and community, Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) reserved the theater and gave away 810 free tickets. The group also offered free rides to those who don't have a vehicle on campus. Overall, CCC spent $5,265 to provide this outreach.

"We've been planning for over a month," said Heather Anderson, a freshman CCC member majoring in service management. "Our first 500 tickets for Wednesday's two showings were gone in 19 minutes, so we reserved another show for Thursday night."

CCC members visited four parishes each of the last four weekends to gain spiritual and financial support for their endeavor. Jay Anderson, a junior CCC member majoring in service management, estimated the organization was given $4,200 in donations. CCC doesn't receive SSA funding, but he's not concerned about coming up with the remainder of the money.

"We didn't even think the movie would be released in Menomonie; we were prepared to drive people to Eau Claire or the Cities if need be," said J. Anderson. "God will provide."

"Passion" was released to 59 theaters in Wisconsin. Crusaders sent dozens of emails to Gibson's "Passion" Web site requesting Menomonie be one of the selected cities.

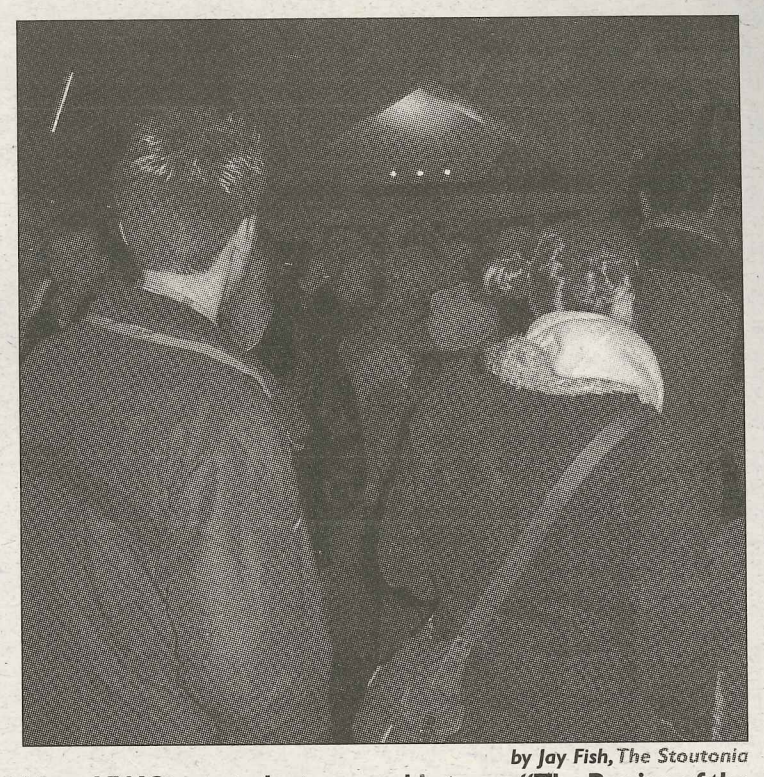
"This wasn't a small thing," said J. Anderson. "By last Tuesday, 35 million tickets were pre-sold; Christian, big-business owners paid to rent out theaters all over the country and then opened the movie up for their community."

"Passion" has been surrounded by controversy, as critics have attacked the vivid, gory details the rated R film portrays. Theologians have studied the film and verified the process and tormenting tools used in the movie are accurate to the time.

"People have said it's a scary movie, but that's because it's true," said Jessica Huneke, a freshman majoring in human development and family studies. "You can read about it in a book, but seeing it on film gives you a different perspective."

Differing from plots of other box office hits, "Passion" attempts to mainstream Christianity to the general public.

"Religion, along with other things, is a part of diversity," said Wendy Bant, a sophomore majoring in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "There's nothing wrong with mainstreaming diversity."



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

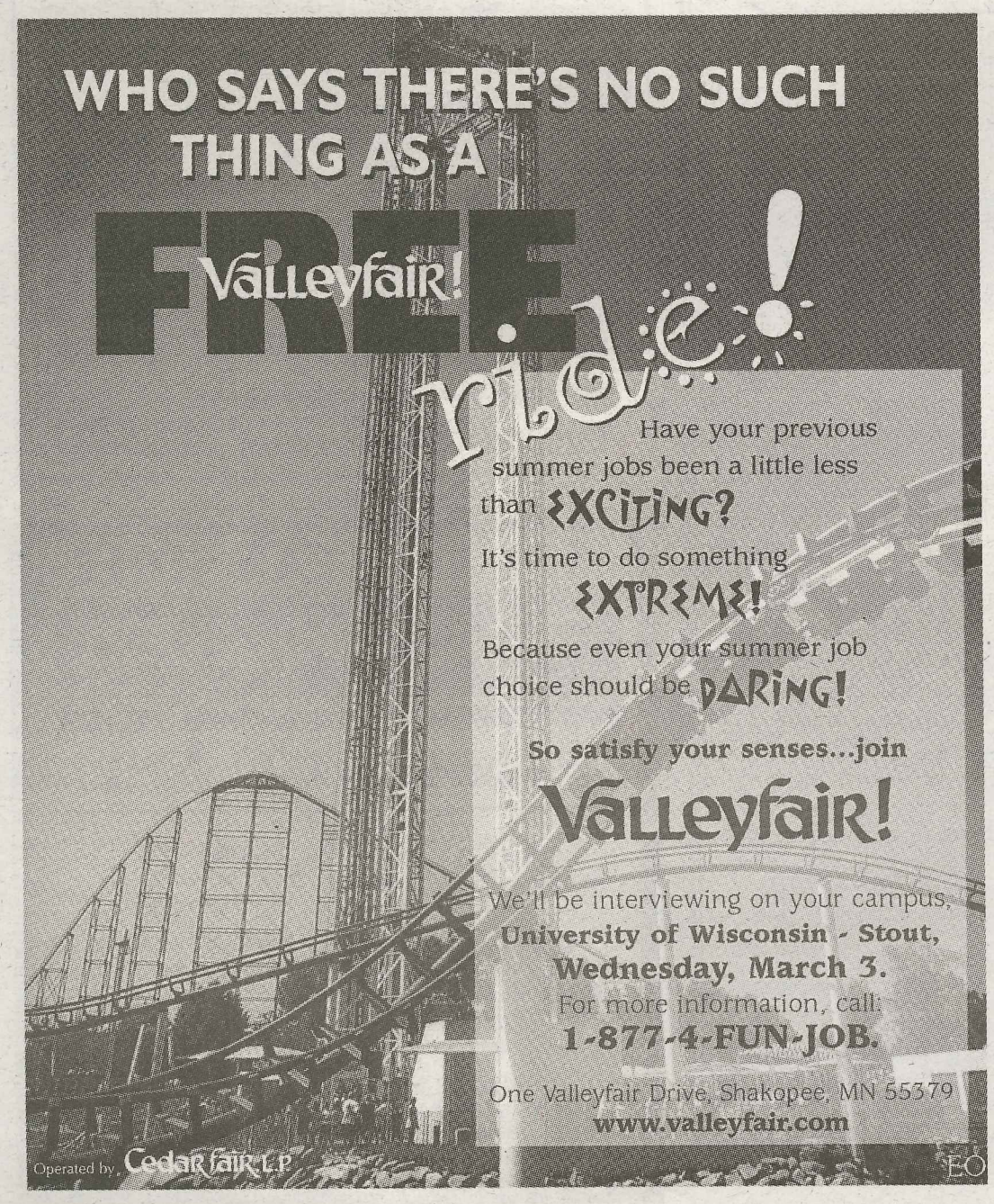
Many UW-Stout students were able to see "The Passion of the Christ" Wednesday night thanks to free tickets from Campus Crusade for Christ.

However, some students may see it as just a chance to see a free movie.

"I'm not a big religion person, but I'm planning on seeing the movie just because it looks like it's going to be interesting," said Trevor Ludwig, an undecided sophomore. "I think a lot of people are going to see it because it's a free movie, not because it's the 'Passion'."

Regardless of attendees' motives, CCC members are thrilled to see such a large turnout for the film.

"We wanted to give people a chance to see how much God loves them and what God suffered through for us," said Pete Ziolkowski, a senior CCC member majoring in psychology. "Outreach events help us bring out Christ's message."



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Nader should nada run in '04



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

The idea of only having two parties running appears to be fading away.

It has been made clear that Americans are looking for a government leader that will not only lead us in the right direction, but also address some of the issues that the Democrats and Republicans have refused to discuss or adopt.

Ralph Nader has chosen to run independently not only because he has become too radical for the Green Party, but because he has a strong chance of gaining more spots on ballots in more states by entering the race earlier in the game.

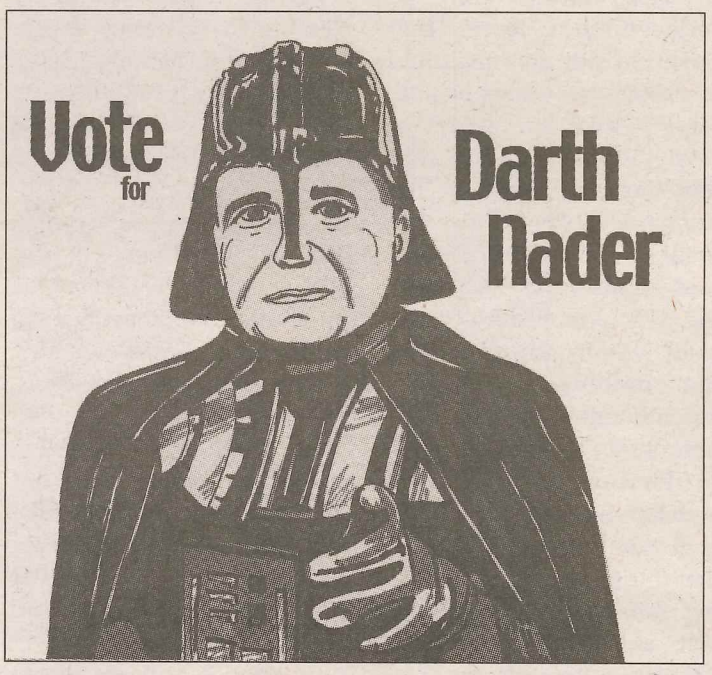
Bush is thrilled to see Nader running again in hopes to help re-gain his presidential status. Obviously, this has set off some of the Democrats, who still believe that Nader will only hurt their chance at taking over the presidential spotlight. At this point, Al Gore must be just sitting back waiting for his turn to jump in.

When was it exactly, that we decided to divide as Americans into two different political parties? Are we not "One Nation Under God," to fight for the justices of each individual American citizen?

Nader seems to be such a popular choice among our generation because he has taken a different approach than the typical political slander of the two main parties.

Though thought to be too radical for the Green Party, Nader is still campaigning very "Green" issues, such as Fair Trade that protects the environment, labor rights, consumer needs, and a federal budget that would put human needs before corporate greed and corporate materialism.

To think, this is what America has been represented as - huge overpowering corporations that have been sucking the life out of our economy. Finally someone realizes the importance of the environment and that we are literally destroying ourselves.



In the 2000 election, 25 percent of his votes came from Republicans, and another 38 percent from Democrats with the remainder from people who would not have voted otherwise.

This shows that there are a great number of people that are not satisfied with the efforts of either of our very divided parties. Perhaps Independent parties are the direction in which we are headed. We would like to force out corrupt politics, leaving nothing but debating the real issues at hand.

We should vote for a leader whom we believe in. We should agree with the issues that he or she addresses, not for the party which he or she currently represents.

Do your part in finding your own opinion, and make a difference by actually casting your vote for what you believe in.

"There can be no daily democracy without daily citizenship toward a new birth of freedom," said Ralph Nader as cited on his official campaign website.

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Satire by the guy with all the letters



MUPPET LOGIC
Tim Krueger

From the responses I generated with my article "Proposal for a new religion", I have come to the conclusion that half of UW-Stout has slept through English 102. For the members of this population that did not get the point, my article was satirical.

Those of you alien to the concept, satire is a method of writing where one expresses ideas of human vice or folly through the use of sarcasm and wit. In short, I do not condone a life based on material possessions, and in fact my article was denouncing such a lifestyle.

I thought I left the article dripping with sarcasm, yet I was inundated near the end of last week, and the beginning of this with articles telling me that I "have lost god", or that I should "take a closer look at my life."

Thanks for the input, but I think a small lesson in reading comprehension is due.

For starters, many of you have read one of the most famous works of satire in the English language, "A Modest Proposal" by Jonathan Swift.

I know that it is taught by most of the professors that teach English 102; you may remember it as the short essay where he proposes that the people of Ireland eat their children to survive the famine.

He was using satire to outline the problem that Ireland was facing during this time and that drastic measures were needed in order to help the people. This text is one of my favorites, and I even referenced it in my article, finishing with "I hope you have enjoyed my modest proposal." Yet even with the obvious give-away, scores of students still missed the point.

Furthermore, if you haven't noticed yet, I use my column in order to get people thinking, to engage them in debate over topics that do concern us, even though I see most students as apathetic towards these issues. In short, I'm trying to piss you off.

My favorite author, Edward Abbey, once said that "society is like a stew, you must keep it stirred up or you end up with a lot of scum on top." I most definitely agree Mr. Abbey.

I am not here to piss you off because I don't want people to like me. I want to stir this place up, get people talking about things that really matter and engage your minds. College is not a place to come just to leave with a job; it is a place to come to learn how to live as a person in this society.

You cannot learn very much if you do not want to. Another very wise man, Mark Twain, says "I will not let my schooling get in the way of my education." Just attending class will not teach you anything worthwhile for your life.

You may end up with a sheet of paper entitling you to a job, but you will not end up with an education. An education must be sought out and worked for, as it cannot be attained by coasting into a diploma.

Tune in next week for another engaging topic, tentatively scheduled to be "Why Littering Kicks Ass."

Worth Hearing Once

Kinky

The oddest answer to the question, "How are you feeling today?"

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Letters to the Editor

Gay marriage,

The Declaration of Independence states that governments are instituted to protect our rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness within its first few lines. I believe at the moment that our government is instead impeding said rights with respect to the gay community, especially within the context of the rumblings of a new amendment to prohibit such unions.

First and foremost this is a violation of an individual's civil liberties. The people that our government is making family choices for are just as much a part of American society as anybody else. These people work just as hard for the American dream as anyone else and that dream seems to be working against them, denying them the ability to even so much as provide health care for their loved ones.

Secondly, how can a marriage between two people possibly weaken the "institution" of marriage? If anything at all it shows how strong a concept marriage is. That two individuals can care for one another enough to risk the stigmas in our society shows great courage and fortitude and are these not two of the qualities that go into creating a strong and healthy relationship?

Lastly, it appears to me that one of the foremost reasons for the denial of this right to these American citizens is based on a religious standpoint. To base this decision on a theological dogma is to enforce a religious doctrine; thus denying an individual's constitutionally protected freedoms.

In closing I believe that all Americans should be equal under the law and recognized as such.

Sincerely,
Joe Spraggon

Gay does mean happy,

I'm writing to you today in the hope that I can help alleviate a few misunderstandings about your staff editorial on gay marriage. Current laws do seem a bit outdated on some modern ideas. It should be no surprise then that we, as a country, should take a look at the sanctity of marriage.

If man ordained marriage then let's change the law to allow same sex marriages. The problem is though that mankind didn't create marriage, so that is why we cannot change that law, no matter how old it is or how many people are unhappy, we have no authority to do so. God is the author of marriage, and he explicitly states that it's to be between a man and a woman (Genesis 2).

Now you may believe that I'm getting too religious for you and that the bible passage in your article will discredit this letter. You're correct in that I'm not perfect, but Jesus Christ is. This is His message for us today, not mine: God sacrificed His only son so that you may have forgiveness through Him. Talk about TRUE love!

'Gay' does mean happy, but if you really want to know what true happiness is, you'll realize the need to stop following your own path, and give yourself over to God. True happiness can only come from the source of true love, so the question I leave you with is: Are you right with God?

Grace and Peace,
Patrick Gaetzke

Trnka you devil,

As a newly graduated Stout Alumni I still enjoy reading the Opinions section of the paper with fervor and am very pleased with diverse and enthusiastic opinions I have seen lately.

However I was confused and bewildered when I read the blantant put-down and unintelligent response Mr. Trnka used against the informed and fact based letter to the editor written by Mr. Peters.

I hope that you will continue to write your opinions, but not put down others in an attempt to discredit their own compelling arguments.

Johnathan Harsdorf
UW-Stout Alumni 2003

Someday life is going to be predictable



THE DROP
Lindsey Schuldt

Someday life is going to be completely predictable.

I should expect by now, that living in Wisconsin entails cold weather and snow. It used to annoy me to look outside and see the big flakes floating down on the world. Lately however, when I look out my window, all I can think is that when I look back upon this winter, it will be marked in my memory by that snow.

It seems the craziness of the weather has somehow influenced the craziness of life in general. Life is not often what we expect it will be, but this winter I have seen and been through things I could never have predicted.

I am extremely asthmatic, and I always condemned the people around me that smoked. If someone would have told me last year that there would have been a point in time when I smoked on a regular basis, I would have laughed at them.

I laugh at that thought now, since I started smoking almost a month ago.

I was standing outside in the warmest sunshine since last fall this past weekend. It was absolutely beautiful. I exhaled a cloud of smoke from my lungs into the crisp air of the afternoon as the thought that "someday" I would stop smoking.

Just like "someday" the weather would be back to normal. Someday.

I'm not the only one going through this current "someday" phase, though. Standing outside of my car and inserting quarters into my parking meter, I ran across a complete stranger the other day. I thought maybe she was confused as to which meter went to which car, and I stopped her.

She told me she knew it was for my car, but it was about to expire so she was going to help me out. I thanked her and couldn't help asking her if she spends a lot of money that way. She smiled at me and shrugged, walking away and saying, "I'm sure it'll come back to me, someday."

This complete random act of kindness is just like the recent wind bursts I've been experiencing walking up the hill to Harvey Hall.

It was something I never expected, but ultimately it hit me because there was no avoiding it. Just like when I leave my dorm and think I won't need a hat, but by the time I get to the top of the hill I have a flock of seagulls appeal to my hair.

You don't always get what you expect. And sometimes someday comes around. And sometimes it doesn't. Some people, like that girl, give me faith in the fact that someday exists, just not here and not now.

It's just like saying someday I'm going to read that book, and someday I'm going to lose that weight, and someday I'm going to be that person that I always wanted to be. When does someday come?

The difference, perhaps, in someday actually arriving is if you can control its existence. So do I believe in someday?

I guess my thoughts on that can be best summed up by saying someday winter in Wisconsin is going to look like winter in Hawaii.

But from now until it happens, I'm not going to be holding my breath.

A change would do you good



NEW RIGHTER
Michelle Erdmann

It's interesting how a trip to a new place provides an opportunity for rejuvenation. "I feel therefore I am." I'm not sure how you feel, but I feel bored, therefore I am bored. The days can only grow longer when the scenery remains the same. I believe my dear friend Sheryl Crow had the right idea when she said, "a change would do you good." I couldn't agree more. My lifestyle was once vibrant, but lately it has turned stagnant and has lost all flavor. I'm stuck in a hum drum life that oozes predictability.

The last straw was drawn when I realized that I would be dateless on Valentine's Day. This is a day that people either love or loathe. I was clearly on the loathing side of the spectrum, dreading the day like a trip to the dentist. The mere thought of groping couples confessing their endless love for one another was readily etching razor marks in my eyes. The only cure for a sour point of view is to adopt a new one. So, I decided to clear my mind and start fresh. I would jump start my life back into gear and literally hit the road.

With a toothbrush in one hand and my car keys in the other, I hopped into my Honda for a road trip. I coaxed a friend into being my partner in crime for the V-day excursion. Driving west on I-94, we discussed our stale lives and embraced our anticipation for the weekend.

Our views for the trip were as wide open as the road itself. We sped down the highway, sang Foreigner at the top of our lungs and made sure we were as off-key as possible. For the first time in awhile, we felt as though we were invincible, and nothing could bring us down.

The new scenery was appealing. The campus was packed tightly together and it grew out of the winding hills like poison ivy. We crept along the narrow road observing the buildings and people. The students on the sidewalks held armfuls of books and carefully watched us drive by. We were strangers in their familiar land, St. Olaf College.

My friend and I discovered that the key to becoming one of the crowd is easily done if you know at least one person. During the beginning of the evening, introductions were made and awkwardness sat thick in the air, but towards the end of the night, high fives were being thrown and connections were made. It is true that a smile and a little surface area conversation can get you far.

The people didn't look familiar, and their topic of conversation was more intelligent than what I am accustomed to, but we still managed to find some sort of common ground. Perhaps our similarities weren't the greatest, but it's still nice to meet someone that has a vice for double fudge brownies at midnight and sappy love movies.

The routine of my University of Wisconsin-Stout life was itching so badly that it caused a rash. Luckily the trip, change of scenery and people really solved my problem. Now, I feel like a new person who can handle herself in her familiar land. Also, it is a bonus to have had the chance to enhance my circle of friends.

So, next time you feel an itch for a change, do yourself a favor and hit the road.

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STOUTONIA ♥ 1990s



SPACED OUT
Chelsea Rickert

We are movin' right along into the mid '90s, readers. We have reached 1994, when kids wore No Fear shirts and really bad skater haircuts (those disgusting cuts with the long hair and shaved sides). Yuck.

Another fashion faux pas of 1994 was the abundance of white eyeliner and those mini-backpack/purse things that the girls always carried around. What was up with that?

However, 1994 did give us Vans tennis shoes, (even though kids cut the ankles of their jeans to wear them), and much to many a man's delight, the Wonder Bra.

The sick thing is that my mom bought a few.

The radio was jam-packed with mushy love songs from soul groups like Boyz II Men ("I'll Make Love to You," "On Bended Knee,") and All-4-One's "I Swear." Madonna sang "I'll Remember," Sheryl Crow moaned about her want of some fun in her hum drum "All I Wanna Do," and Ace of Base produced its hit, "The Sign."



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It was a happenin' year for the news. O.J. was arrested in June for the murder of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and friend, Ronald Goldman. You know he did it, don't even kid yourself.

Tonya Harding attacked Nancy Kerrigan with her ice skates just before the winter Olympics, but Kerrigan earned a silver medal despite her injuries.

Pogs were a popular amusement for the elementary kids. They were collectible milk caps that the kids would stack up face-down and hit with "slammers." Pogs that landed face up would go to the "slammer," no matter to whom the Pogs belonged.

Good movies were in abundance in 1994, starting with "Forrest Gump." This movie left us with a few good one-liners, such as the famous "Momma told me life was like a box of chocolates," "Run, Forest, run!" and "Stupid is as stupid does." I wonder how many sappy moms named their babies Forest that year.

"Pulp Fiction," with John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Uma Thurman, directed by Quentin Tarantino, was "three stories about one story." I hated Travolta's hair in that movie.

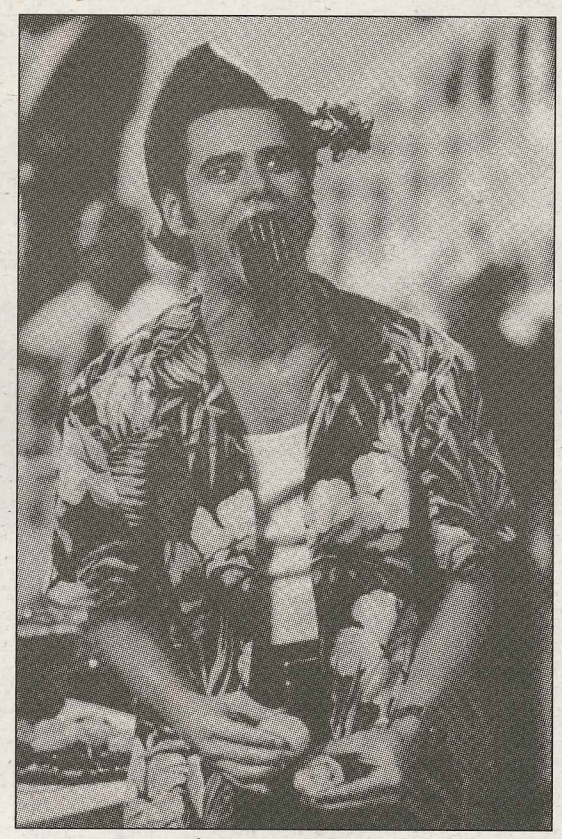


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And then the prequel to my favorite comedy movie of the '90s came out, "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective." True, Jim Carrey has come a long way since his immature antics in the '90s, but come on, they are still funny.

The infamous, brain-washing sitcom "Friends" piloted in 1994, and is now in its 10th and final season, as I'm sure you all know.

"ER" was also born in '94 and has remained strong and repulsive for the last 10 seasons. There must be something extremely intoxicating about screaming, hemorrhaging patients and the over-stressed doctors who fix them up. Yum.

And now for the stupidest event of the year: The baseball player's strike. The biggest strike ever in professional sports resulted in lost money for the owners and players and in disillusionment for the fans. "Boo hoo," said the baseball players, "we don't make enough money." Yeah, everyone pity the poor professional ball players who only make more in one year than you all will in your life.

Inspired by porn, beer, beligerance and crazy nights



THE DROP
Lindsey Schuldt

Did you know that men can drink over a case of beer and half a bottle of Windsor and still be able to slide down two stories of stairs into a wall without breaking any bones? Amazing, I know, but true.

Not only can they do it once, they can do it all night long and still be amused.

This was only one of the many lessons I learned the summer I moved in with my brother and his nine friends. I learned more in that single summer than I've learned in most of my life.

I think after living there, I have seen everything. I've woken up to find them chasing each other down the halls with golf clubs, and I've gone to sleep watching drunk men trying to dance to country music in their underwear.

I've even heard of Swiffer cloths being compared to-day old underwear because all you have to do is take them off, turn them inside out and they're good as new.

Living in that house and being around those guys was the time of my life. I was able to do things with them that I would have never even thought of doing before, like sledding down those stairs.

I learned essentials like how to properly leave a drunken message, which, for those who care, starts off coherent and normal, and ends in a bunch of slurred words. The finale is always the phrase "you're a Sally."

I paid my rent, but I owe them so much more than that. They were there to tuck me in when I couldn't walk up the stairs myself, and to dry my tears when I had "girlish" moments. They taught me that life is an opportunity.

You can do anything you want to do. You can be anyone you want to be. There's a time to have fun and a time to grow up; when the time comes, you'll know which is which.

As fond as I am of those crazy days, when I moved out of the house, I left the madness behind me. The guys even moved all of my stuff out of the house for me and carried it into the dorms.

When I walked into the house for the first time, I remembered thinking "What am I getting myself into?"

When I walked out that last day, all I could think was, "What am I leaving?"

So, I guess this is my thanks to them. For introducing me to porn, beer, beligerance and mad crazy nights that never end.

Now they can stop complaining about never getting into the paper, and how I never write about them.

Most of the guys are graduating this year, and my friends and I are going to miss them even if we'll never admit it.

I hope that Cowboy never stops dancing, Noah and J-Bone never stop smoking, Chad never stops drinking, Matt Dawg never stops talking and Chuck never stops being Chuck. Thanks guys.

The dreaded L-word. Liberal



THE DROP
Brian Legg

I'd like to comment on the dreaded "L" word. Lately the term liberal has been associated with everything from communism to all out unpatriotic God-hating. Not only are these connotations unwarranted, the opposite is true. The word liberal is defined in the dictionary as someone who is:

"1. tolerant of different views and standards of behavior in others

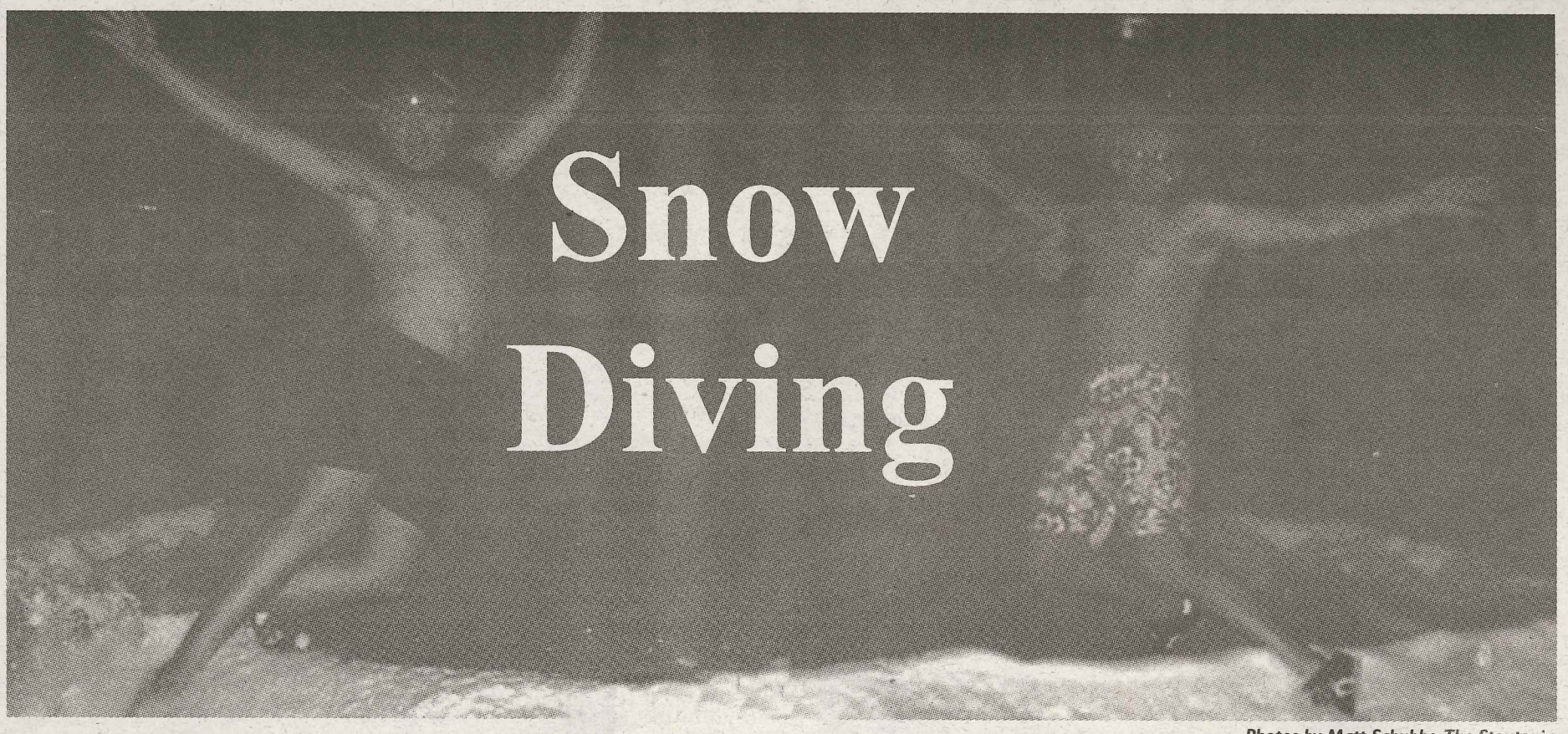
2. favoring gradual reform, especially political reforms that extend democracy, distribute wealth more evenly, and protect the personal freedom of the individual"

The concept of a university is itself a liberal one because it is "concerned with general cultural matters and broadening of the mind rather than professional or technical study." As such, we owe a great deal of our college experience to liberal idealism. It was definitely not conservative thinking that allowed such great courses as music in our world or relaxation techniques to make their way into the higher education curricula.

This is not to say that conservative thinking is all bad. Conservative philosophy is the counterbalance to its liberal counterpart. It tends to be more realistic than idealistic and focuses on the tangibles like business and security. These are both important for stability, but change is of equal importance.

Not all that long ago, it was a pretty liberal idea that African Americans should be entitled to the same opportunities as all Americans, and now we have a month dedicated to celebrating their history. I think most would agree that this change was both good and liberal. So there, I've put them together in a sentence; we can rally around, Go Liberals!

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Snow Diving



NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

It's hard to be active in the winter. I hate to sound like a complainer, but it's so cold outside. People often get lax and lazy in their physical regimen, unless you're like me and you don't have any kind of physical activity to speak of in your life. But in spite of the winter blahs, my friends and I have finally come up with a winter activity that utilizes snow, moving around and a little bit of sheer terror, just to throw a few more peppers into the gumbo.

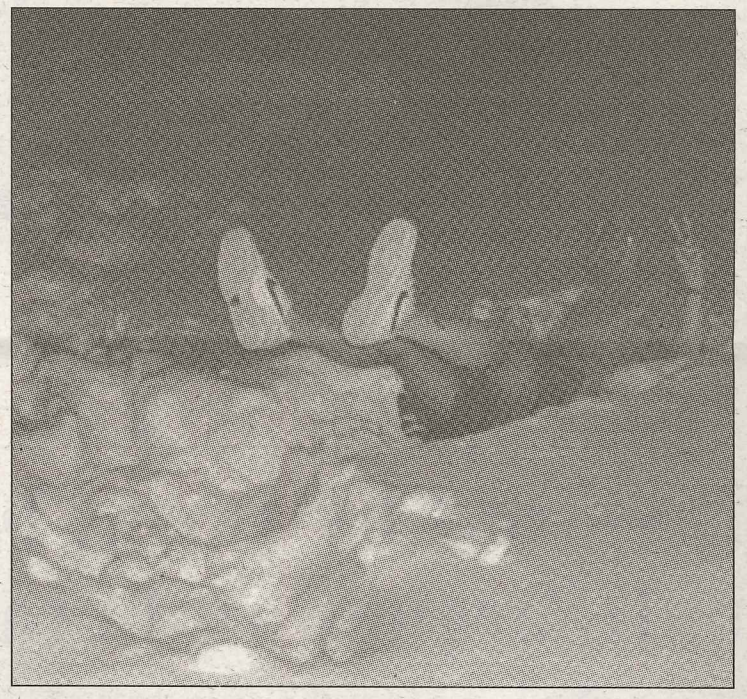
This sport, or pseudo-sport as I guess it should be called, is simply known as "Snow Diving" or "Pile Jumping." And while the rules are simple, the sport's chief occupation is really in the mind. You see, the basic concept is to get into a swimsuit or pair of shorts and a cape (because hey, capes are cool), and then proceed to jump face first into a pile of snow. That's really it. Getting yourself psyched up to jump into not only one but possibly two or three piles of snow makes things much harder.

I participated in this now-celebrated sport two weeks ago on a Saturday night. Oh, that's the other rule, snow diving has to be done at night, because it's just that much colder, and the jumping is that much harder. Myself and five other friends living in North Hall somehow decided that this would be a good idea, and before we knew it we were all huddled around the heat vent in the basement of North hall in our capes and shorts. It's cold sure, but very exhilarating at the same time; its kind of reminiscent of Scrooge McDuck jumping into his pile of money, only you end up screaming in the end.

If anyone is interested in trying a little of the pile jumping sometime, let me know. Maybe if we get enough people together we could get a club or intramural team together. I mean, if dodge ball has its own intramural team, why can't we?

Photos by Matt Schubbe, The Stoutonia
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Top: Andrew Englund and Andrew Mitchell jump and do their best to make quality snow dives into an icey cold snow bank while wearing nothing but their shorts. Bottom: Matt Schubbe celebrates after one of his many great snow dives.



More of the same for America



CUP O' JOEL
Joel Shaw

Why do we continually have to choose from a lineup of jaded, pandering, personality-challenged, wishy-washy weenies placed on party platforms with pockets full of cracked promises and mouths full of delusional diatribe for our presidential candidates?

We are so captivated by the sound of "we're going to change the world" rhetoric, that we can't see that the speaker is a product of school of status quo.

Honestly, we deserve all of the shills and double-dealers that spill from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli-digit-deficits.

Our misguided media pick the next darling of democracy, and, we, the sheep of the United States of America, go bah-bah-bahing all the way to the polls.

Listen closely to the voices of America. Do you hear them? They are saying things like: "Doesn't he look presidential," or, "Don't you think his wife would make a good first lady; she has two poodles you know," or, "He said he didn't inhale either."

Why do we have to pick from another lineup of blowhards every four years? Is it because they look like Harry Truman, Ashton Kutcher or Clark Kent? Where is it written that our oval highchair has to be occupied by a greedy, self-serving, self-indulgent white guy with grease stains on his silk ties and prairie dust on his wingtips? I think we declared our independence from Great Britain to avoid living under the rule of a monarchy.

We've got a liar in the White House, and now we have another one trampling the roses in the rose garden, screaming "Bring it on." Bring it on where, John? Are you going to invite us to boogie on up to Beacon Hill and eat grilled lobster smothered in Heinz barbeque sauce while we watch you and GW do the Huntington Beach Strut in the mosh-pit? Does it matter who wins? Hell no. We'll have more-of-same no matter what happens.

These guys are looking at America through fiber optics. How much do you think they can see? I'm sorry, but I don't think George, John, Al or the other John have a clue about life, as we know it. Yes, we, you and me, driving down the road of deregulation, downsizing and out-sourcing.

We have a country populated with compassionate, humble, thoughtful, human beings. Certainly we can find one that has roots in the soil of humanity and leadership skills anchored by dignity and justice. Can't we find a candidate that has not spent a career searching the pockets of special interests for the crumbs of special treatments?

Can't we as a nation make a collective effort to find those individuals that put accountability and character before accusation and carelessness?

We have to ignore the mega-media-mouthpieces if we are to elect a fair and open-minded government that equally represents the classes, cultures and values of all Americans. Turn off the damn TV and do some research. Tell me if you find the missing piece of this puzzle. Take a more insightful look into our government, and then step out of the flock of followers and do something courageous.

Who's the shepherd of this flock anyway?



"Black History Month. Sure they gave black people a month. The shortest one!"
Dave Chappelle

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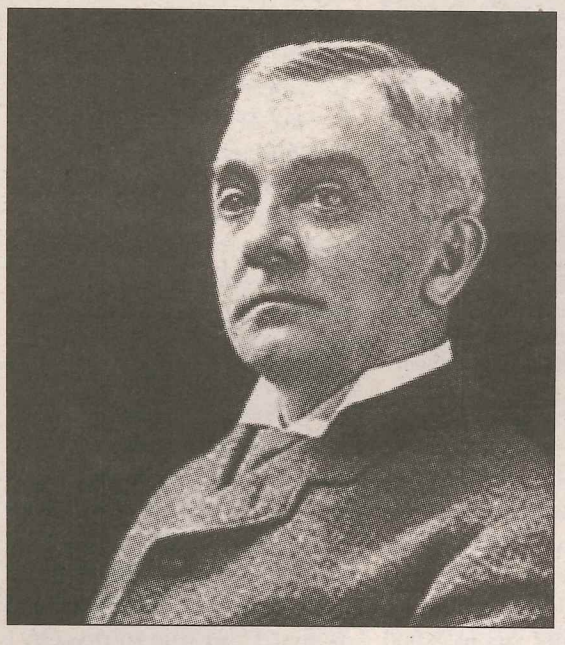
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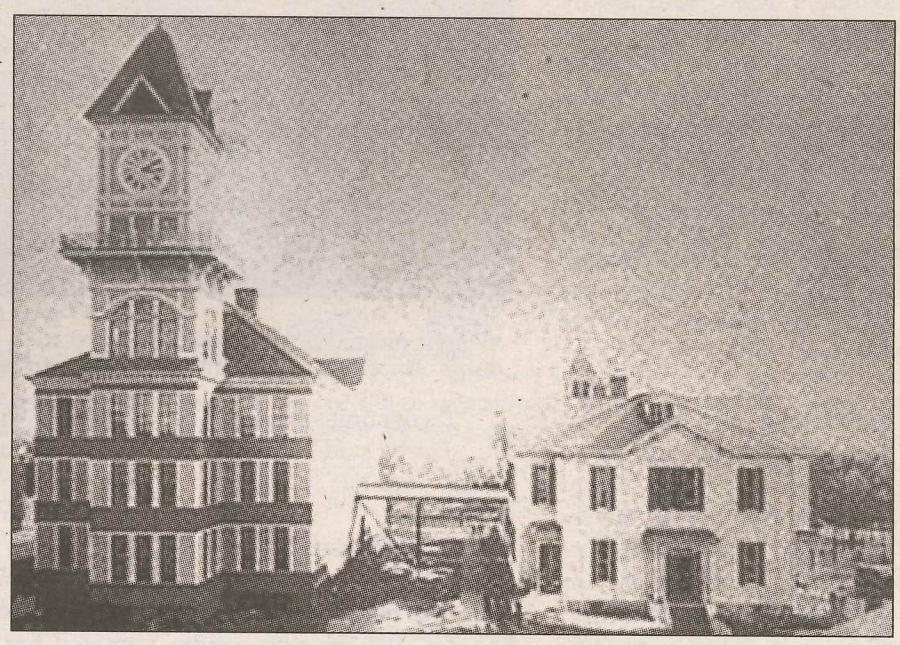
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What's in a name? Uncovered

Lara Monk





The University of Wisconsin-Madison is in Madison. UW-Eau Claire is in Eau-Claire. UW-La Crosse is in La Crosse. So why don't we go to UW- Menomonie?

UW-Stout is the only Wisconsin System school not named after the town in which it resides, leaving many students making their own assumptions about where the name came from.

"Stout was named after a rich guy," said Chris Ziegler, a freshman majoring in manufacturing engineering.

"My best guess is that since it wasn't named after the city, it was named after its founder," said Joy VanDeLoo, a freshman majoring in human development and family studies.

"I think a man with the last name Stout saw a need to teach people for a better educated working group," said Erin Manthey a freshman majoring in manufacturing engineering.

The answer is: they're all right. UW-Stout was named after a person as unique as the school itself, James Huff Stout.

Stout, the son of a member of the board of directors of Knapp, Stout & Co. Company made Menomonie, Wis. his home in 1889. When Stout moved to Menomonie, he proposed to the city's council to field an experimental program with a manual training school.

According to Kevin Thorie, the university archivist, the most interesting thing about Stout was that he was well-liked by everyone. During a time when lawsuits were common and cheap to pursue, Stout was so wel-liked he seemed immune to the court craze and was never sued.

"Think of President Bush," said Thorie. "There are people who want to crucify him and there are those who worship him, but everyone wanted to worship Stout."

Stout devoted everything to people, and because of who he was, everyone adored him.

Stout was wealthy, and by the time of his death, he had contributed $450,000 to the university in various buildings, supplies and salaries.

"The one glaring fault of the Menomonie schools was the great mass of useless verbiage in the various courses of study, tending to overwork the child, monopolize the time and cumber the mind with a mass of useless detail," said Stout.

The school opened on January 5, 1891, but six years later, a fire destroyed one of the first buildings. The following year a stately brick building with a huge tower was opened. Still an area landmark, the manual training building is now known as Bowman Hall.

"We have, in this state, the best manual training school in the country, and probably the best in the world. At the Menomonie schools, boys and girls are taken from the grammar school and high school into the manual training department for an hour a day without in any way detracting from the amount or quality of their lessons in the regular program," said former President Charles Kendall Adams of the State University of Wisconsin.

Stout believed that young people should be physically and intellectually skilled. In 1900, Stout had a gymnasium-natatorium built. Included in the building was the first indoor swimming pool in Wisconsin, as well as bowling alleys, dressing rooms, clubrooms, Turkish baths and a gym. Students and residents of Menomonie used the building until it was torn down in 1964.



Courtesy of www.uwstout.edu/history/jhs

UW-Stout is the only Wis. university school to not share its name with its city. James Huff Stout founded the school in 1891.

Stout died after a seven-month fight against kidney disease on December 8, 1910. Many people feared that the Stout Institute would not carry on after his death. Fortunately, the concept of industrial education was gaining in popularity in Wisconsin and the state agreed to assume control over the school in 1911.

According to the UW-Stout history page, "UW-Stout is a monument to the man and his ideas- the only institution in the UW System named for an individual."

Additional information can be found at http://www.uwstout.edu/history/jhs_bio.html.

A fear of fat, leading people to their own graves

Lindsey Schuldt

Girls everywhere are dying to be skinny. In some cases, literally. Weight has become a type of obsession for many Americans, to the point that five to 10 million girls and women and one million men in the United States are afflicted with some type of eating disorder, according to the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA). This is considered to be a conservative estimate.

The last week in February is National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which is a week dedicated to promoting knowledge about diseases that affect millions of Americans, even some of the population at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The most familiar of these diseases are anorexia, in which one starves themself and obsessively exercises; bulimia, where one throws up after eating mass amounts of food; binge eating; and obesity.

"Anorexia is a morbid disease," said Rachel Darby, a senior in human development and family studies. "I was diagnosed anorexic with bulimic tendencies when I was twelve years old."

Darby's disease started out by a figure skating judge telling her that she was too fat to skate at the age of eight. Although Darby was an average looking and weighing second grader, this one comment affected the rest of her life.

"I vowed to never again to be called fat by anyone. Other skaters gave me tips on how to eat without gaining weight. We were like family because we all had to skate together at different places, so we were always sharing tips. One of them just happened to be throwing up," Darby said.

When she was 12-years-old, Darby was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed one hundred and 20 pounds. One of her doctors diagnosed her with the disease and she was entered into an in patient facility for about a month. She refers to her eating disorder as 'Ed'.

"I played their game and went by their rules to get out of the hospital. I wasn't ready at that age to let go of Ed yet. Ed was such a part of me. I felt that if I lost Ed, my parents would love me less. I was the perfect Rachel. And I could control everything when I had Ed. Life was more chaotic when I was trying to get better, so I stopped trying."

Darby's disease continued to progress throughout high school until she was 18 years old. By this time she had been anorexic for close to 10 years. She was eating five saltine crackers for breakfast, one teaspoon of yogurt for lunch and 10 grapes for dinner. If she ate anything else, she would throw it up.

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"People knew, but no one would say anything. In the end, I would wear two pairs of jeans and several sweatshirts because I didn't want anyone to know how skinny I was," said Darby. "People would say, 'I can count your bones,' but when I got home all I could do was sit in front of the mirror for hours and pinch the parts of my body I thought were fat."

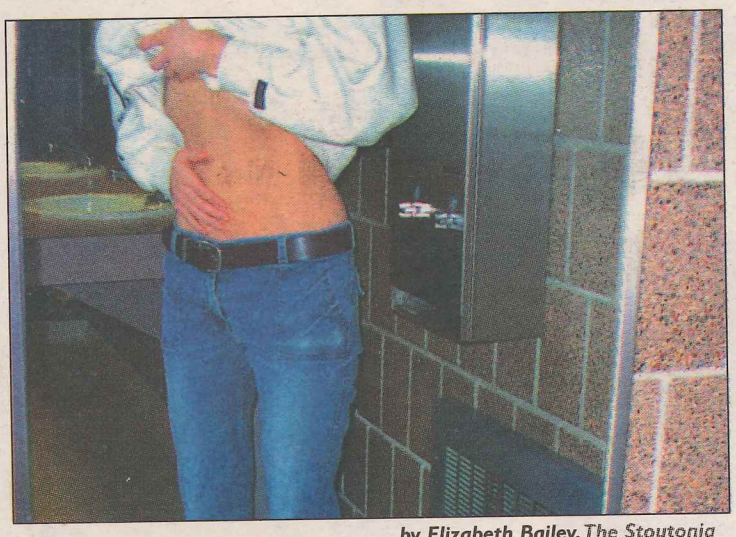
When she was a junior in high school, Darby's mother brought her to a morgue and asked her to help pick out her own coffin.

"She told me I would probably die if I didn't stop, and she wanted me to be buried in something of my choice. It didn't work, but she was trying to scare me into it."

In the middle of her senior year, Darby weighed only 82 pounds at the height of 5 feet and 6 inches. In the middle of a speech she collapsed.

"They told me that my body was eating itself up from the inside," Darby said.

Her parents gave her medical custody to the court system in an attempt to save her life. Darby was told she could be institutionalized for three years, or start a program to get better. She had been in and out of hospitals 23 times since she was originally diagnosed at the age of 12.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Weight obsession is a common problem in college aged students. Anorexia and bulimia are only two of the many types.

"It consumes your whole life," Darby said. "It does not define you, but it becomes a part of you."

Darby agreed to enter a program to help her start getting over her eating disorder. She was fed through a tube for the first month in the hospital and was not allowed to leave her bed.

"They were worried about me exercising, even as much as walking out of my room and back into it," said Darby. "I couldn't even sit up in bed when I first got there because I was just too weak. When I could walk, they wouldn't let me."

After the first month, Darby started to eat on her own. The hospital gave her meals that contained 1,000 calories, three times daily. If she could not eat all of the food within a half an hour, she had to drink an Ensure shake. When she still was not gaining weight, they moved her diet up to 5,000 calories a day.

"It was hard because I couldn't decide 'I'm not hungry' or 'I don't like to eat that,'" said Darby. "The hardest part was when I went from the size zero to a size five. I freaked out. My friends would come to see me, and I had to explain to them all the times I had lied. They knew I was lying, but they never brought it up until after I was in the hospital."

Darby was in the hospital for six months total until they allowed her to go home. After she went home, she had to sleep on a mattress in the hallway so that her exercise could be monitored. When they moved her mattress back into her room they had to put video cameras up to watch her.

At 21, Darby continues to be conscious of her old ways while trying to maintain a normal life. "I feel like I'm at a normal place," Darby said. "But I will never be cured. They say there's a seven year period when I could relapse, but Ed will be with me forever."

Like Darby, many college students suffer daily from an eating disorder. Darby hopes that her experiences can help other students who may be having problems themselves.

"One of the hardest parts is that I did this to myself. I had to have reconstructive back surgery at the age of 18, and I will never be able to have children. The effects of those 10 years will always be there," Darby said.

There are many signs to look for if a loved one has weight problems. For those with anorexia, look for people who never eat food with a lot of calories. They may cut their food up into really small pieces and only eat a few, or exercise obsessively every day. People who stop eating also get a fuzz on their face that is comparable to that of peach fuzz and they will start losing their hair.

Something to look for in a person with bulimia is eating huge amounts of food but losing weight. Also, if they leave during or after meals at every meal in order to go to the bathroom.

"When faced with an eating disorder individuals can feel lonely and scared, not always aware of or willing to recognize why they are suffering," said Barbara Hackbarth, a graduate student in the mental health counseling program. "When friends and family suspect a loved one is experiencing an eating disorder they can feel frightened for the individual and unsure of how to approach him or her with their concern."

Visiting a counsler as soon as possible is a good technique. They can inform patients if they have a disease and how to help them. There are many sites on the web that can be accessed also, such as www.nationaleatingdisorders.org.

"If you know someone who has an eating disorder the best thing you can do is try to get them professional help," said Darby.



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One race, one people, one peace

Marta Peters

On a campus that has many organizations within its halls, it's easy to wonder what is the purpose of each one. The mission of the Black Student Union (BSU) at the Univeristy of Wisconsin-Stout is simple and straightforward but powerful just the same.

"The purpose of BSU is to promote diversity and multiculturalism on campus and to educate on the African American experience and culture," stated Shamara Simpson, a sophomore in service management and historian of the BSU.

It is an organization that has been around since the late 1960's, during a time when black students began attending predominately white schools. The students decided to form a group that would enable them to get through the turbulent racial times.

"The African American students banded together to support each other academically, socially and culturally, and for years that was the primary purpose," said Mary Riordan, Director of Multicultural Student Services at UW-Stout. "It still is, but the purpose has expanded in recent years to include the organization functioning as a cultural resource on campus, helping to raise understanding and appreciation for black history and culture."

The organization is succeeding, considering the fact that many college campuses throughout the United States have similar organizations that are thriving and excelling at bringing a better awareness of the cultural history and diversity that we so often may overlook.

UW-Stout's BSU is no different and holds various events throughout the year, especially during February, to commemorate Black History Month.

Even though March is only a few days away, the BSU isn't going to let February go out without a bang. For the members of the BSU, Black History Month has been going on strong for the past four weeks and the last remaining event will be the semi-formal ball with the theme "One Race, One People, One Peace."



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

The Black Student Union is holding its annual ball to celebrate Black History Month. The organization is over 30 years old.

"The purpose of the BSU Ball is to bring together all UW-Stout students on campus and help other students get better acquainted with minorities here at Stout and to educate everyone on the importance of diversity within our society," said Scott Hamilton, a sophomore telecommunications major.

For the BSU, the event will conclude one of the most important months of the year. It is a month that recognizes American personalities and actions that have made a difference in the African American culture within the United States in the past, as well as ones that are continuing to do so presently.

"Black History Month actually began as a week in February, linked to the birth dates of two important Americans, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln," said Riordan. "Carter G. Woodson, a historian, began the observance as a way to educate people about events in Black History. His belief was that people should have knowledge of their history and pride in it. Eventually the week turned into a month."

Riordan also noted that despite the effort and success to educate more people, there is still very little black history taught in schools.

However, at Stout, there are many opportunities to become involved in learning more about black history and other cultures throughout the world. The bookstore provides reading materials on related topics and all events that the BSU puts on are open to the public. A majority of the activities are also free of charge. The only requirement to attend is that one has an open mind about the lives and impact of multicultural individuals and groups.

"We really do encourage everyone to attend the Black Student Union meeting and events to learn more about us and the things we do for and on campus," said Hamilton.

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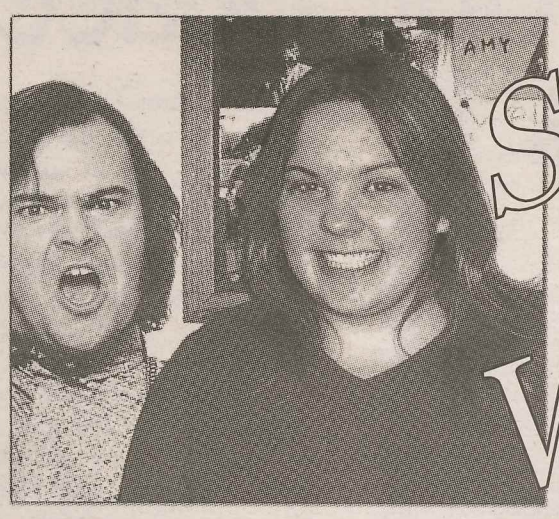
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Stout Watch

Resident Advisor Edition



Amy Siegel - 19
psychology
sophomore



Adam Kuhlman - 21
technology education
junior

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

Hometown: Bayport, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single.
Hall of residence: Wigen.

What is the best part about being an RA?
Becoming close with the staff and being respected by the residents.

What is the worst part about being an RA?
The puke cleaning.

What is your favorite cartoon character?
Shark bait from "Finding Nemo."

What are your plans for spring break?
Living at Caribou Coffee.

Describe yourself in one word: Extrovert.

What is the worst job you've ever had?
Working for 3M assembling Post-its.

What is the first thing you will do when the temperature reaches 65 degrees?
Canoeing on the St. Croix River and busting out the flip-flops.

What question are you asked most often?
What are you laughing at?

What is some advice you would like to give to the students at UW-Stout?
The RA's aren't stupid, keep the bricks in tact.

Who was your childhood idol?
Cyndi Lauper.

Hometown: Superior, Wis.
Relationship Status: Single
Hall of residence: Fleming.

What is the best part about being an RA?
Getting to work with all the fun people in your building and on the staff.

What is the worst part about being an RA?
Yelling at your noisy floor in the middle of the night.

What is your favorite cartoon character?
He-Man.

What are your plans for spring break?
Going to London, Amsterdam, and Prague with my hall director and some other RA's.

Describe yourself in one word: Eclectic.

What is the worst job you've ever had?
Tainter, I had to work in the dish room, that wasn't much fun.

What is the first thing you will do when the temperature reaches 65 degrees?
Go swimming somewhere.

What question are you asked most often?
How tall I am.

What is some advice you would like to give to the students at UW-Stout?
Have a good spring break.

Who was your childhood idol?
My dad.

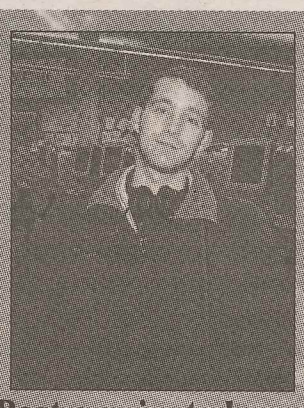
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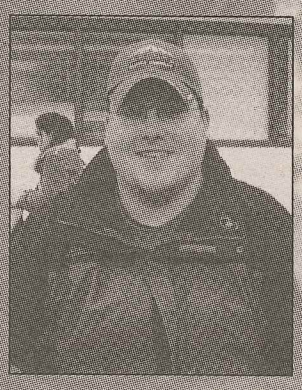
What is the best way to get revenge on an ex-boyfriend or girlfriend?



"Key his weak-ass car, break the windows and slash his tires."
Jenny Mickey
multimedia design
senior



"Post a private home video online."
Travis Hall
multimedia design
senior



"Tell her you're dating a playboy playmate."
Ryan Chase
technology education
senior



"Burn his most prized possession and sleep with his best friend."
Samantha Stanek
graphic design
junior

Next Week:

If you could name a sandwich after yourself, what would it be and why?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"Spring break with an emphasis on the break."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

Spring break is on its way, and I can taste the sleep and relaxation. When I consider how much earlier we are going on vacation this year, I am baffled at the fact that we ever managed to make it longer.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I have had my fair share of stresses and strains over the last month and a half of spring semester. I can't wait for a little getaway.

My destination is far from exotic: Cottage Grove, Minn., but I am still as excited as if I were going on a trip around the world.

To me, the point of spring break is in the name: a break. Down time, time to spend with loved ones, time to have a little "me" time.

Time is so precious these days, I don't want to spend my 10 days packing up all my best clothes, getting jet lag and dealing with the stresses of being a tourist.

So how am I going to spend my time in the luxury of my two-story home back in the old Grove?

I want to read a book, one that doesn't involve the name of a class in the title. Flipping through the pages, absorbing someone else's imagination, will surely ease my stresses.

Almost nothing sounds more fulfilling than to fall asleep in front of the television and wake up without concern that my little nap may have cost me a grade step on the big test the next day.

I would love to be able to have a conversation with someone without running the long to-do list in the back of my mind. It would be nice to focus on their words and my own thoughts.

Above all, I want to be able to hang out with myself and have a good time. Diana doesn't see much of me anymore, and I fear if it goes on too much longer I will turn into my student ID number.

Don't get me wrong, I love Stout, but when you get too much of something it starts to lose its appeal.

Over break, I recommend you all take a little time to focus on living rather than doing. And it wouldn't hurt if the professors would take note of our tired eyes as well.

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The 411

Feb. 26 to Mar. 4

Thursday, Feb. 26
> Sosthenes Kwasi, African drumming, 3-3:50 p.m., Abbott Concert Hall, UW-River Falls.
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m. Acoustic Café.
>Thursday Night Out, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Recreation Center.
>"The King and I," 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $11.
>Naturally 7, a New York-based rhythm and blues a capella group, 8 p.m., Great Hall, $2.50.
>Johnny Stanton Band, 9:30 p.m. The Den.

Friday, Feb. 27
>Gymnastics hosts John Zuerlein Invite, 6 p.m. Johnson Fieldhouse.
>"The King and I," 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $11.

Saturday, Feb. 28
>"The King and I," 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $11.
>"BSU Ball, 6:15 p.m., Great Hall

Sunday, Feb. 29
>"The King and I," 2 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $11.
>Umphrey's McGee, 9 p.m., Stones Throw, $9 in advance or $11 at the door.

Monday, March 1
>Monday Movie, 10 p.m., Climbing Wall.

Tuesday, March 2
>Real Lives Real People, 11:15-12:15 p.m., Northwoods Room, MSC.
> "Wonders of Deep Space," 7 p.m., Phillips Hall UW-EC, $1.

Wednesday, March 3
>Art and Design Winter Olympics, 3 p.m., Lake Menomin, art students only.

Thursday, March 4
No events scheduled

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Art and Design Winter Olympics

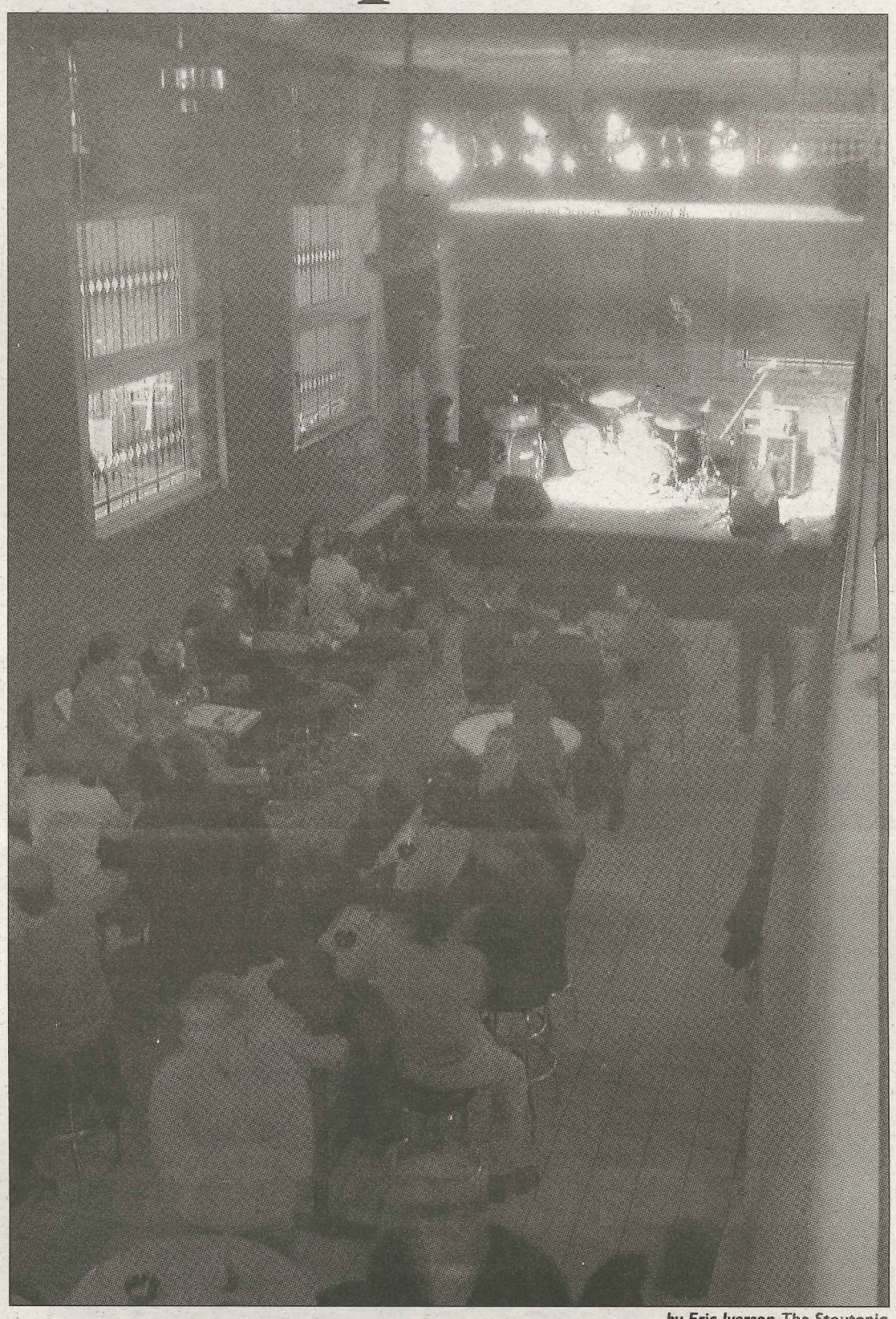
Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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The Stone soup of venues



MUSICMASTER
Eric Iverson



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

The Stones Throw offers a variety of music for any type of fan, and even opens its doors on Saturday nights for underage club-goers to enjoy the same great bands.

Are you sick of Menomonie? I am. That's why this weekend I went to check out The Stones Throw, a unique music venue in downtown Eau Claire.

When I walked through the entrance of the old stone building, it seemed as though I time-warped to a hip, back-alley club in Chicago or New York. I said to myself, "This place is way too cool for the Chippewa Valley." The low-lit club, with a balcony over the stage, reminded me of a setting for a music video.

In addition to its aesthetic appeal, the Stones Throw offers many different types of performances.

Every Sunday is a Karaoke party; coming soon will be Alternative Cinema Sundays, which will feature hard-to-find documentaries and independent films. Every Monday is Jazz Night, which often features the Jason Craft Quintet performing in front of a crowd of college students and community members. Turntable Tuesday features electronic music and sometimes has wild '70s or '80s dance parties.

The first Tuesday of every month is New Band Night, which features new and upcoming bands from the area. Everything from acoustic singers, plays, story readings, poetry and comedians fill the stage for Open Stage Wednesday. The shows Sunday through Wednesday usually are free.

The performances Thursday through Saturday are local, regional and nationally touring bands of all genres. Some of these genres include alternative college rock, blues, avant-garde jazz, reggae, jam bands, art-rock, hard rock, metal, bluegrass, electronic, hip-hop, alternative country and more. A $3 to $5 cover charge can be expected for shows from Thursday through Saturday because two or three additional well-rehearsed and well-known bands play.

However, some shows aren't for everyone. Most weeknight shows are for all ages, but this changes on the weekends. Not only do they offer 21-plus shows, they have a new Underage Show for 20-year-olds and under. I think this is a cool idea. It keeps the "young punks" out of the adult shows, and it keeps the "scary old guys" out of the teenager shows.

The Stones Throw has more than just music. The club has a full bar with nightly drink specials. For the kiddies under 21, the kitchen offers non-alcoholic beverages and munchies including handmade pizzas, cheese curds, cheese sticks, wings, mushrooms and baskets.

This venue has a long history. The Stones Throw has been under the current ownership for the last two years. In the past, the building housed many different genres of clubs including dance, metal rock and hard rock, and before all of this it was a successful blues club. The building is fairly old, which gives it a really unique vibe.

The Stones Throw has seen its share of big names, especially considering the limited capacity. Bands such as The Reverend Horton Heat, Junior Brown, Pat McCurdy, Black-Eyed Snakes, Amateur Love and Wookiefoot have all appeared at the Stones Throw.

To see a calendar of up and coming events, direct your browser to www.the stonesthrow.com.

This week's schedule

Thu.	Natty Natoon $6 9:30 p.m., 21+.	**Sat.**	Jack Black Band Mardi Gras $5 9:30 p.m., 21+.
Fri.	Amatur Love Kid Dakota Revolver Model $3 9:30 p.m.	**Sun.**	Leap Year Party Umphrey McGee $9 adv., $11 door 9 p.m.

check out http://www.thestonesthrow.com

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Good ol' down home cooking



FEED MY BELLY
Paige Klein

Looking for a glimpse into the past with a touch of the present? Well, look no further than the Old 400 Depot Café. Located in the cul-de-sac next to the Goodwill store in North Menomonie, this restaurant has the charm of an old railroad depot.

As you pull into the parking lot, you have already entered the historic presence of the Old 400 Depot. You can see the water tower from down the road and the restaurant's olden day architecture gets you in the mood to travel back in time and enjoy the good ol' down-home cooking.

Adding to the Midwest's traditional fish fry, Old 400 Depot has a fish buffet on Fridays. Teeming with cod, shrimp, vegetables and fruit, the buffet also offers a scrumptious chocolate cherry Black Forest cake for dessert. This all-you-can-eat buffet concept is available for $9.75. Make sure you get to this establishment from 5-8 p.m. on Fridays to partake.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia
After a long day of bringing its patrons home cooked meals, the Old 400 Depot closes up the dining room until tomorrow.

Another all-you-can-eat option is the Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. The menu ranges from breakfast food such as eggs, pancakes and breakfast meats to lunch items like barbeque ribs, fresh baked turkey and a taco bar. The price is fair at $9.50.

Offering breakfast, lunch and dinner, the Old 400 Depot has a basic menu comprising of mostly comfort foods that you could expect from any home-cooked meal. The regular menu has appetizers like cheese curds, sandwiches such as reubens and open-faced turkey and a dessert display case with a variety of pies and cakes.

"It was a good home cooked meal," said Nicole Dzimiela, a senior in graphic design, after eating a roast beef meal with mashed potatoes and gravy. She said she tried the cheese curds and onion rings, too.

Most of the customers that were enjoying the atmosphere were families and people of older generations. However, some of the servers tend to be closer to college age; this gives the restaurant balance and a comfortable feel.

"I really like the atmosphere," commented Bridgid Brown, a sophomore in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "And I especially like the dessert display."

The service was friendly and non-invasive. When asked about the brunch and buffet, the waitstaff was capable of giving a full account of both, plus they gave additional information.

"The price of food is fair," said Jesse Thierl, a marketing and technical education major. "However, I found the food quality lacking and would not go back again."

Overall, the establishment receives a B- rating. The food was not bad, but it did not make my mouth water. The service was pretty good, the cleanliness would pass an off-white glove test and the atmosphere felt indifferent. Prices were in a decent range with only four menu items being over $10.



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No scum with this Tub Ring



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Living like nomads for the past year, Tub Ring performed in over 160 shows during 2003. Taking a break in 2004 to finish off its new album, Tub Ring took a break last Thursday to show students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout why they rock.

Tub Ring is an indie rock group based out of Chicago. It offers a dynamic sound of various instruments including a hybrid of keyboard and flute to produce an accordion-like sound. The five band mates feed off each other's energy to create a fun vibe, and no one in the audience could be caught standing still.

Dave Tavares kept tempo on the drums, while Jason Fields and Shawn Sprinkel showed their talent on the bass and guitar, respectively. Kevin Gibson backed up the band's great beat with vocals. He added character and charisma to songs with crazy lyrics that leave you wondering what drugs they were on when they were written.

While my personal song list doesn't include punk or indie rock, Tub Ring was so fun live that I couldn't help but get into its music.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Keyboard player Rob Kleiner's feet rarely stayed on the ground; he would leap onto the keyboard and immediately jump off, all while continuing with the melody.

My favorite band member was the keyboard player, Rob Kleiner. He added an element of music and talent that completes Tub Ring's sound.

The crowd really got into the music and a few let the music take over their bodies. In the madness of music, I was knocked over by an overly crazed student in a green tie.

Regardless of my bruised tailbone, Tub Ring put on a great performance.

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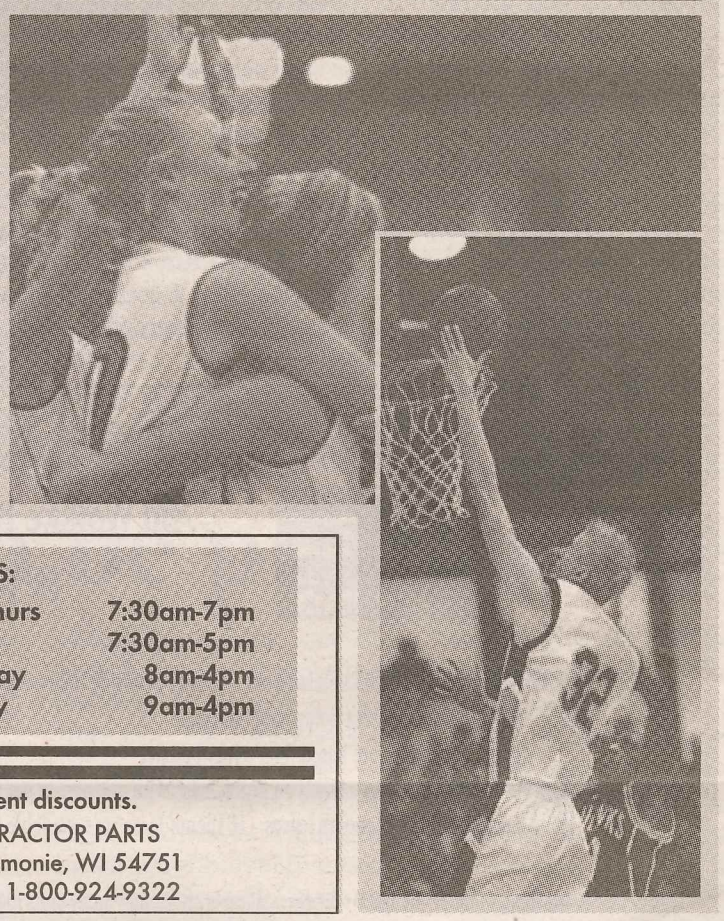
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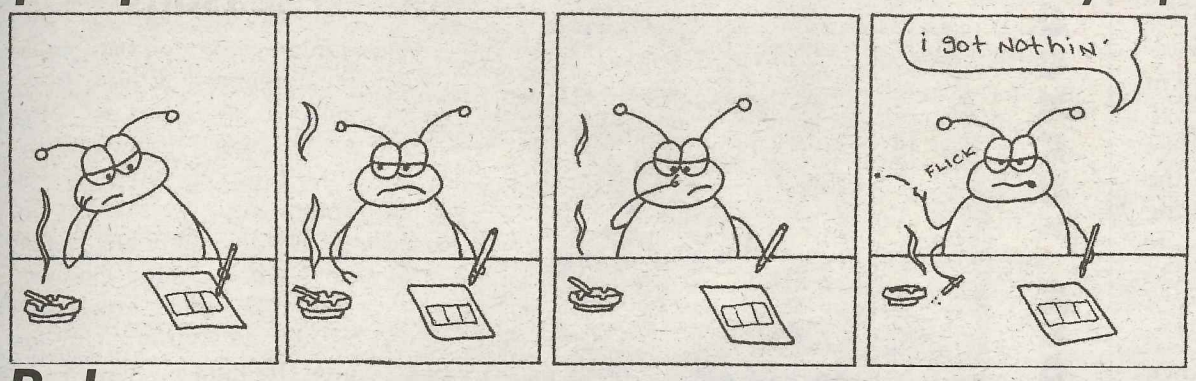
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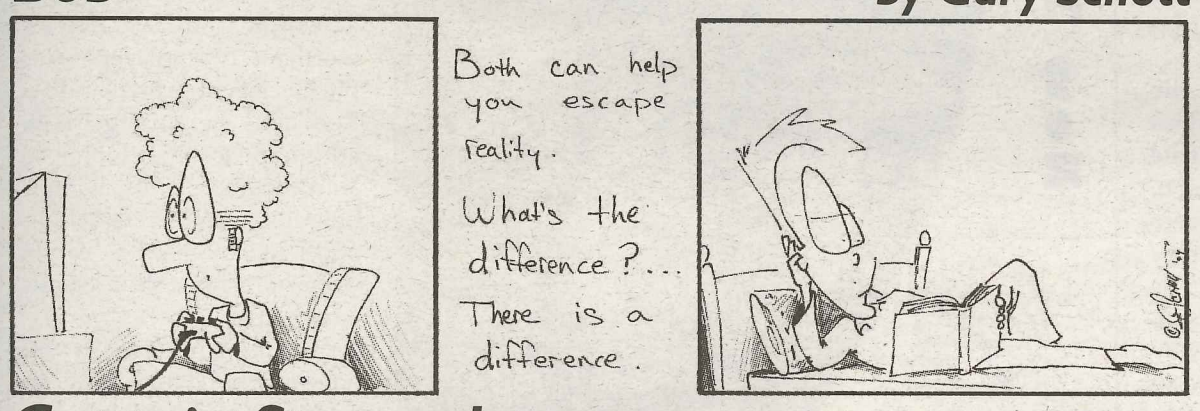
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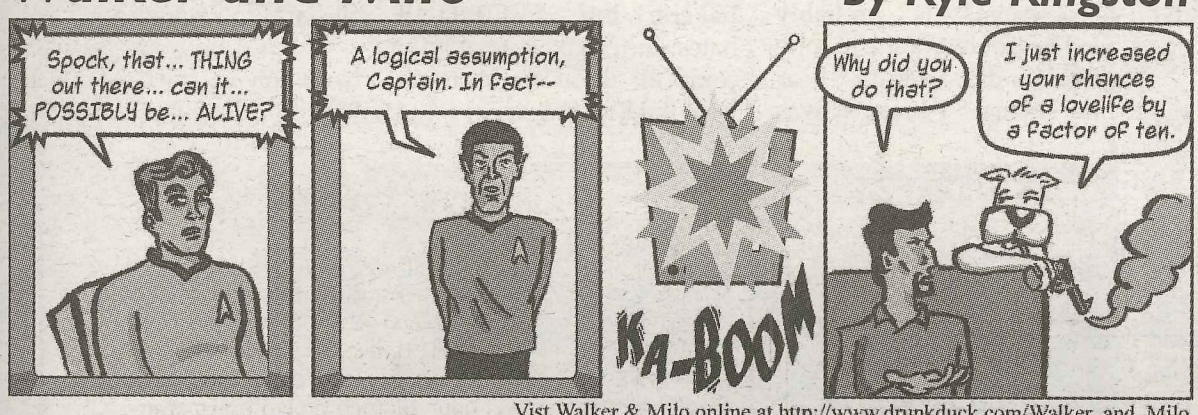
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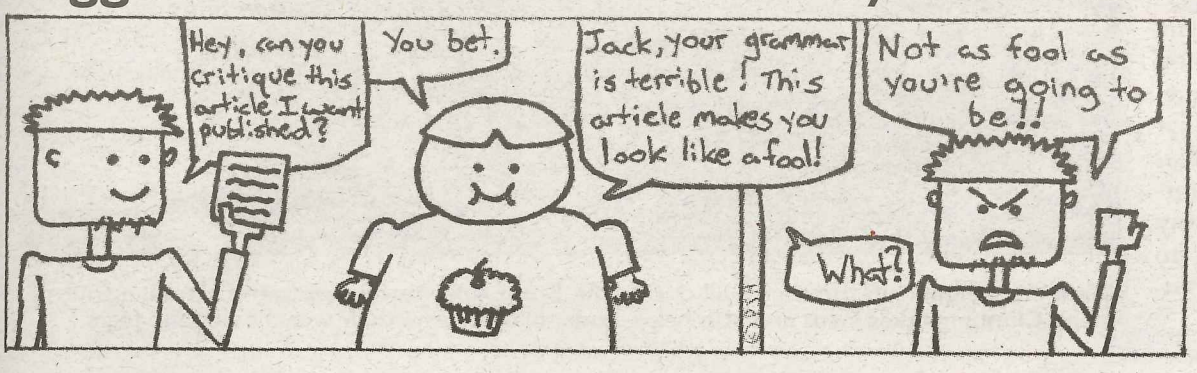
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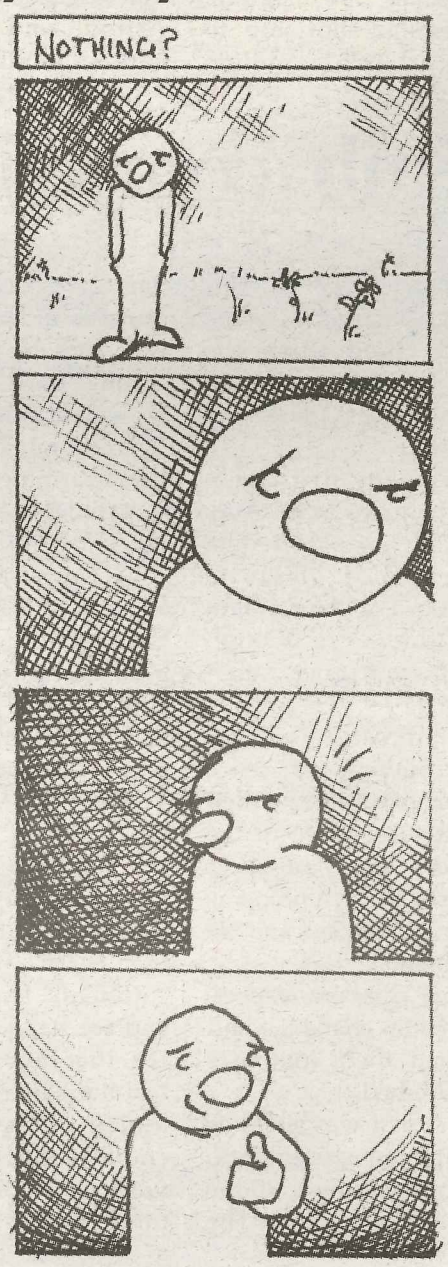
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Yankees can afford anybody



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Our sources at The Stoutonia have found out that the New York Yankees are in talks with Jesus Christ right now and expect that He will be signed within the week to play second base.

The scouting reports say that he has a swing so hard it will make you say hallelujah.

Last week, the Yankees proved that God does exist. His name is George Steinbrenner, also the owner of the Yankees.

Steinbrenner gave the go ahead on a trade with the Texas Rangers that brought the best player in baseball to New York.

Sure, he had to give up his All-Star second baseman, Alfonso Soriano, and a player to be named later; but he got Texas owner Tom Hicks to pay for a third of Alex Rodriguez's (A-Rod) remaining contract.

Did I already say Steinbrenner was God? I was mistaken. Steinbrenner must be the devil, because only the devil could persuade someone into such a stupid deal.

Tom Hicks won the A-Rod lottery by signing the superstar shortstop to a 10-year $252 million dollar contract.

I thought it was odd back then that the best player in baseball would take the money rather than sign for less and try to win a championship, but it turns out I'm an idiot.

A-Rod can have his cake and eat it too thanks to the Evil Empire that is the Yankees.

But what does this mean for the Twins, Brewers and Cubs? Not much.

The Cubs made its own waves by signing Greg Maddux, the best pitcher on the free agent market.

Earlier this winter, the Brewers further alienated its fans by trading its only true star player, Richie Sexson. But don't worry Brewers fans, Lyle Overbay will have you asking, Richie who?

Oh yeah, Richie Sexson, that guy they traded away who actually knew how to hit the ball.

But the A-Rod trade will affect the Twins the most. Playing in the American League Central, the Twins will only need about 85 wins to make the playoffs, and will face the Yankees in the first round.

This means the Twins will be back on vacation long before the World Series begins.

On an interesting side note, Major League Baseball should probably start printing tickets for the Houston Astros and New York Yankees World Series.

This off-season, the Yankees' two best pitchers, Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens, signed with the Astros, and the Astros already had two of the best starters in the game.

Clemens is probably glad he got out of the empire when he did. I can just hear him saying, "I knew it was going to get crowded in New York."

I'm beginning to wonder, are people trying to help the most hated team in sports? Sure people hate the Lakers, but EVERYONE hates the Yankees. So how come all these teams trade with the Evil Empire?

Steinbrenner can and will buy anybody.

If the player has a remote chance of helping the Yanks win another title, Steinbrenner will hesitate to sign him about as long as Kramer hesitates before bursting into Jerry's apartment.

Mildly amusing side note No 1: Aaron Boone's career is just a few short months away from being an after- thought.

The Yankees are adding a couple million dollars worth of new players. Star pitcher Kevin Brown and A-Rod will be strange new additions to the clubhouse ,and chemistry wins championships. Well, pitching and defense wins championships, but chemistry helps.

Next year the Yanks will have nearly $200 million in salaries.

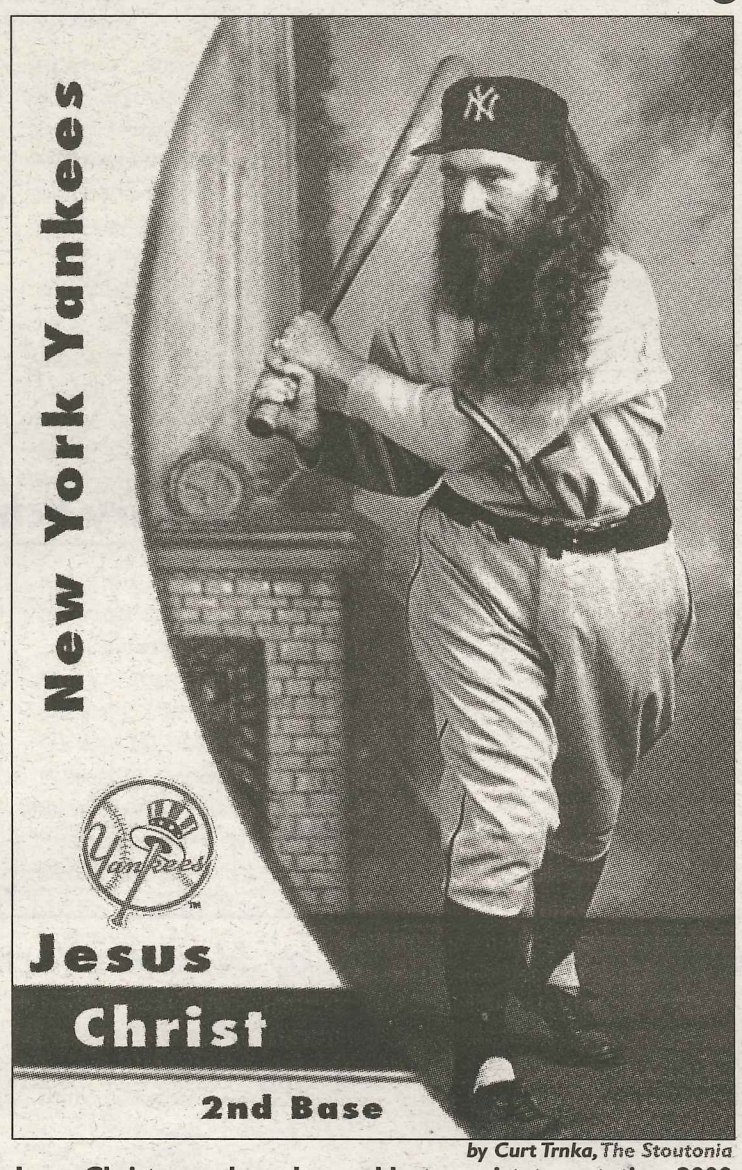
The Devil Rays would have to save up their current salaries for seven years to afford one year of the Yankee players.

That's just sick. The Twins are expected to compete for a playoff spot for about a third of the salary.

Having traded away its second baseman, the empire will be looking for a replacement.

There are rumors that Steinbrenner will trade for an all-star second baseman.

Mildly amusing side note No. 2: Anyone still have Chuck Knoblauch's phone number?



by Curt Trnka, The Stoutonia

Jesus Christ may have been able to resist temptation 2000 years ago, but the Yankees offer was so high even he signed up.

Climb /competition

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were rated by level of difficulty, and points were awarded based upon the level of difficulty and the number of times the climber fell.

"This is my first climbing competition," said Amy Gates, a 27-year-old product developer for 3M. "It's more nerve-wracking than climbing for fun, even though I'm not concerned about winning."

With three and a half years of climbing experience under her belt, Gates ended up taking first place in the advanced women's category. She attests that climbing is 10 percent physical and 90 percent mental.

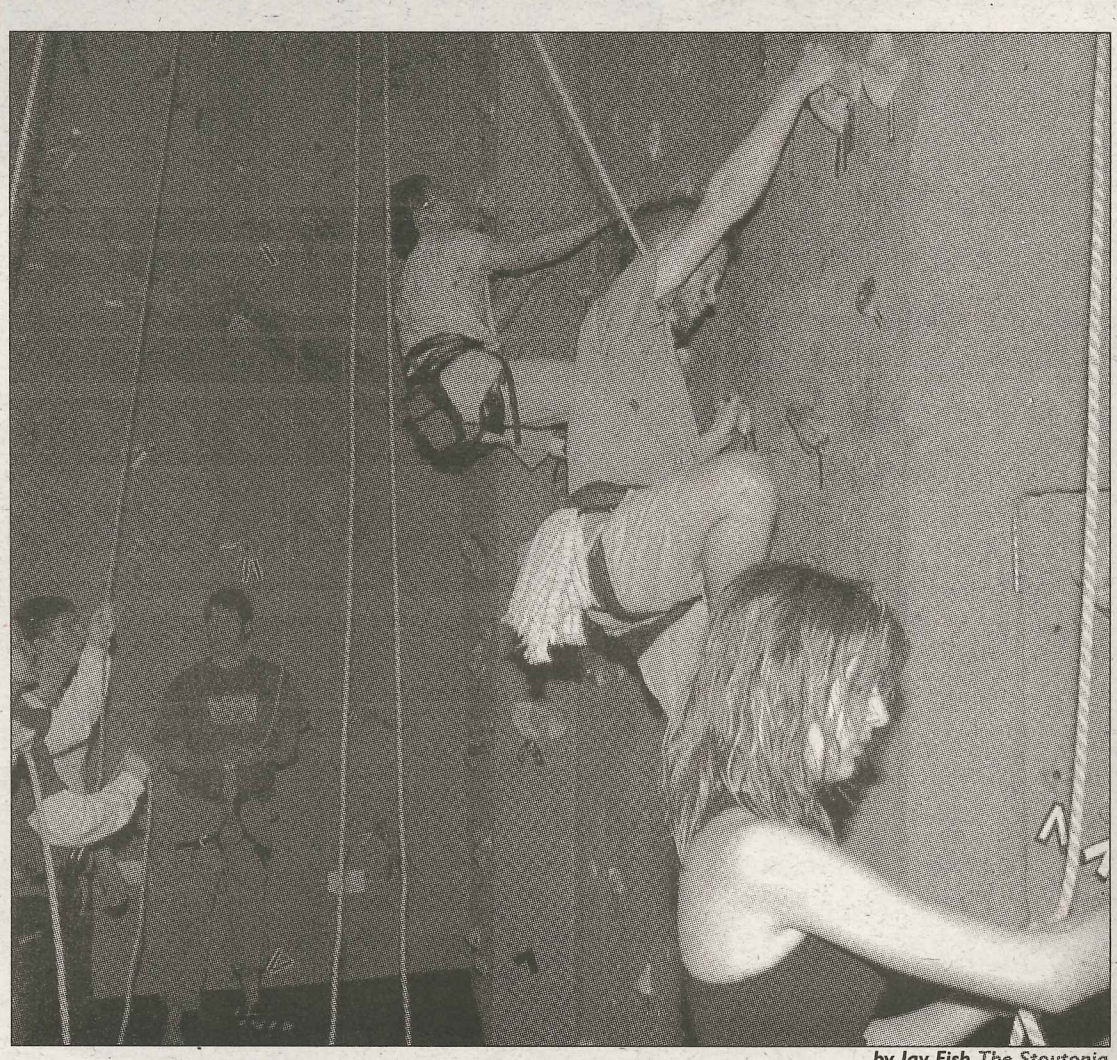
Fellow climbers respected the mental challenge and encouraged their comrades as they climbed.

The crowd was silent as one competitor struggled to shift his weight on a hold the size of a votive candle. The tension in his body made his muscles quiver involuntarily. After he conquered his troublesome stretch, the crowd erupted in cheers. The outpour of support was heartwarming.

"I love the personal challenge, but it's a lot of fun to challenge a friend," said Dan Sosalla, a senior majoring in construction management.

Registration, corporate sponsorship, advertising and route setting were all taken care of by SA staff. The entire event was student-planned.

"Eric and Jeff have done all the work with little supervision," said Bruce Saxman, the SA Coordinator. "Students learn by doing, and we have some employees that are getting great real-life experience. I'm fortunate to have so many employees that want to make Stout Adventures great."



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Climbers conquer up the rock wall during the Stout Adventures sponsered climbing tournament. Climbing takes focus and also helps students overcome their weaknesses and fears.

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Reviewing the week in sports

Ryan Wessley

Women's Track

Last weekend, the University of Wisconsin-Stout hosted the Blue Devil Open. The women earned a handful of top finishers along with a second place team finish.

Lindsay Kjolsing was a highlight for the Blue Devils, breaking the school record, placing second in the 200-meter dash and placing third in the 400-meter dash.

Marci Schachtner took first by, again, breaking her own school record in the 20-pound weight throw. Schachtner had a throw of 56-feet 11.1/4-inches, which broke her previous record by nearly three feet.

Hockey

After losing the first game in the playoffs to Lake Forest 4-1, the Blue Devils needed to come back with a win against the Foresters to stay in the playoffs.

UW-Stout's Lewie Kellin scored first in the second game against the Foresters but gave up three unanswered goals before they would score again.

The Blue Devils mounted a comeback by scoring two goals to tie the game at 3, which sent the game into overtime.

Unfortunately the Blue Devils could only get one shot on goal in the extra period and finishd the game with a tie.

Had the Blue Devils won the team would have played a deciding 20-minute mini-game against the Foresters.

Jeff Dotson closed out his career as a Blue Devil with 31 saves, while the Foresters Joel Cameron had 34 saves.

The tie ends the season for the Blue Devils who finished with a record of 14-10-3.

Men's Basketball

In an overtime battle with the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, the Blue Devils came up just short; losing to the Pioneers 71-68 Tuesday, Feb 24, in Platteville.

The men started the game strong, holding the lead for the first 10 minutes of the game, however, the Pioneers began to rally as the half approached and had the lead by two at half.

The battle continued into the second half as the Blue Devils stayed on the heels of the Pioneers.

Greg Chassion made a key layup to tie the game with 19 seconds reamaing, sending the game into overtime.

In the extra period, neither team had a strong lead.

Sophomore Luke Loney narrowed the gap to one point with a three pointer, but that was as close as the Blue Devils came to victory.

Senior Nate Templer led the Blue Devils in scoring with 17 points followed by Luke Loney, who finished the game with 14 points.

Jeff Vandenberghe finished his career as a Blue Devil with 13 points.

The loss marks the end of the season for the men, who finish with a record of 14-11.

Women's Basketball

The Blue Devil women found themselves down for the majority of the game, as they lost to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 83-67 in Stevens Point.

UW-Stout ran with the Pointers early in the game, but began to fall behind late in the first half.

The Pointers went on an 8-0 run on the Lady Devils to close the first half and then scored two basket to open the second half.

UW-Stout was down by 20 points at certain times of the game, but eventually cut the lead to six points.

Unfortunatly, the Lady Devils could get no closer in the final minutes as the pointers rolled to the victroy in the semi-finals (WIAC) tournament.

The Lady Devils close out the season with a 18-9 record.

The top ranked Pointers will host the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the WIAC championship game, Saturday, Feb. 28.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics team continued to improve by having its top score for the third meet in a row but could not get the win against Gustavus Adolphus. The final score was 183.925-174.95.

UW-Stout had one top finisher. Rhian Paulson won the floor exercise with her personal best score of 9.575. Paulson also placed third on the vault and fifth on the beam.

Lesley Rick captured a second place finish in the all-around. She also set her personal best with a score of 36.15. It was a solid night for Rick, as she scored her personal bests in three events: The bars, beam and floor.

The Blue Devils are off until Friday, Feb. 27 when the team hosts the third annual John Zuerlein Invitational at 6 p.m.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Lindsay Kjolsing
Track

A third place finish in the 400-meter dash was just a warmup for freshman Lindsay Kjolsing.

A half hour later in the 200-meter dash, Kjlosing ran faster than any previous Blue Devil woman, breaking the University of Wisconin-Stout record by .02 hundreaths of a second.

Kjlosing ran her 200-meter time in 27.18 seconds. She earned runner-up for the performance.

Kjlosing's efforts led the Blue Devils to a second place finish second as a team at the Blue Devil open.

Her 200-meter time beats the previous record set by Noel Green.

The Facts:

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Broke the school record in the 200 meter dash.



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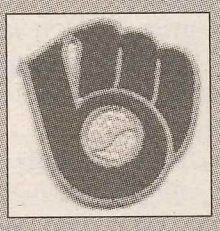
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Time runs out for Stout



DOUBLEOVERTIME
Wesley Simonis

It was a game where the Blue Devils just ran out of time. Not once, but twice did the team come up just short of advancing in playoffs.

The 71-68 overtime loss against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville was the kind of battle where either team could have come out on top. Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, the clock was not its friend in this match up.

Out of the gates, the Blue Devils looked strong, holding the lead for the opening 10 minutes. UW-Platteville began to edge in on the Blue Devils as the first half came to a close. The Pioneers held the lead by two at the half.

As the second half progressed, the game intensity increased. The seconds ticked off the clock, but neither team held a strong lead.

As the time dwindled, the Blue Devils began to trail, at one point they were down by a five-point deficit with less than two minutes remaining.

Seniors Nate Templer and Jeff Vandenberghe along with sophomore Greg Chassion refused to end their season without a fight. Vandenberghe hit a three-pointer with 56 seconds left to tie the game at 57.

The Pioneers dropped in two free throws to take a two-point lead, but Chassion answered back by laying the ball in with 19 seconds remaining.

The Blue Devil defense bowed its backs and stoppped UW-Platteville in the closing seconds to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, UW-Stout stayed on the heels of the Pioneers until the final seconds, when Luke Loney made a three point shot to put the Blue Devils within one. Again the Pioneers anwserd with two and UW-Stout again could not be the team it the lead when the final buzzer sounded.

Templer led the Blue Devils in scoring with 17 points. Loney was second in scoring with 14 points. Vandenberghe closed out his career as a Blue Devil with 13 points in the final game. The Blue Devils were out rebounded by the Pioneers 31-24

The Pioneers took the victory and advanced to the second round of the WIAC tournament where they will play the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The Blue Devils finished the season with a record of 14-11.

The Time Breakdown

2:00 — In the closing two minuets the Blue Devils trailed by as much as 5 points.

0:56 — Jeff Vandenberghe hits a three pointer to tie the game at 57.

0:25 — UW-Platteville sinks two free throws to take a two point lead

0:19 — Greg Chassion makes a layup to tie the game at 59.

Overtime

0:03 — Luke Loney hits at three pointer to put the Blue Devils within one.

Illustrations by Jay Fish



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information
Senior Nate Templer and sophomore Greg Chassion were key players in the final game of the season for UW-Stout.

BLUE Scoreboard DEVIL

Men's Basketball

Stout	Platteville
68	71

Final Record: 14-11

Women's Basketball

Stout	Stevens Point
67	83

Final Record: 18-9



Hockey

Stout	Lake Forest
3	3

Final Record: 14-10-3

Gymnastics

Stout	Gustavus Adolphus
174.95	183.925

Next Match:
Friday, Feb. 27 hosting
John Zuerlein Invite



Stout climbing tourney rocks



SOFTSPOKEN
Rebecca Hartung

He focuses: "This is important; I need to get to the crimper, but I don't know how."

He strategizes: "I could use my thumb for the lower hold and push off with my legs."

He climbs. He falls.

He falls three times on the same route and won't receive any points. That's okay though; climbing's not about winning. He'll come back later and work on the route until he conquers it.

Sunday, the Stout Adventures (SA) hosted Rock Fest, the first of a triangular climbing competition among the University of Wisconsin-Stout, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Close to 40 people packed into the climbing wall room to attack new routes and shoot the breeze with other members of the climbing discourse community.

"I like conquering my weaknesses and fears," said Veronique Van Gheem, a senior from UW-Stevens Point. Majoring in biology.

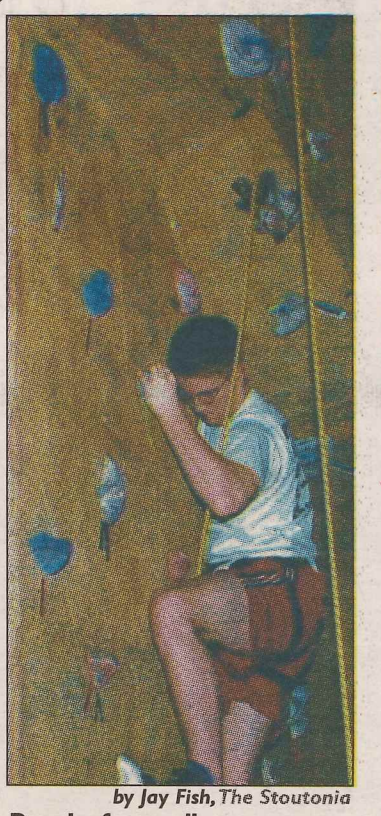
Van Gheem was once afraid of heights; now she manages the climbing wall at UW-Stevens Point. She also runs cross country simply because she likes the challenge of pushing herself to go the extra mile.

The event was co-organized by Eric Albers and Jeff Keenan, SA employees. The two began the planning around Thanksgiving. SA has held climbing competitions for the past two years, but this was the first year of Rock Fest.

"We didn't make a profit; this is something we did just for the climbers," said Albers, a senior majoring in service management.

Catering to all levels, the competition was subcategorized for the beginners,intermediates and experts. Climbers were allowed to attempt five routes. The routs, completely reset for the competition,

*please see **Climb**, page 18*



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia
People from all areas came to compete in the climb.

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entertainment

The Rec center offers another free Thursday night of fun, games and three rock bands for your listening pleasure. p.10

FOB under investigation

University officials question a November party, pictures

Amanda Herr

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's student government has called for an investigation of a November 2003 Phi Omega Beta (FOB) fraternity party at which pictures were taken of naked female students performing oral sex on other females.

The party was held at "what is referred to as the FOB house located in the North Campus residence hall area," according to a formal complaint from Bill Siedlecki, director of University Centers.

By the end of the school year, the Stout Student Association's (SSA) Organizational Affairs Conduct Oversight Committee (OACOC) will determine whether the fraternity's actions violated their own constitution and the code of conduct set forth by the university for all student organizations.

According to the Feb. 20 complaint written by Siedlecki, college-aged women were admitted to the party and allowed to drink for free. The complaint states that the party was held sometime between Nov. 2 and Nov. 8.

Sandi Meinsen, community development coordinator and adviser for all Greek organizations on campus, declined to comment on the matter.

"SSA is not coming forward and telling us exactly what the complaint is," said Kevin Kauth, vice president of FOB. "So far all I know is we are getting blamed for a party that was not a fraternity function, held at a house that is not our registered fraternity house. Until they tell us more, we are really kinda in the dark about it."

Kauth and FOB president Josh Kloos declined further comment on the matter.

Siedlecki wrote, "During the course of the evening, these women were invited to participate in a 'wet T-shirt contest.' As the contest progressed, some of the female participants, at the urging of college men chanting 'skin to win,' removed most of their clothing.

"Photos of this contest and associated activity were taken and have since been distributed to students living on north campus residence halls and have also been posted to at least one voyeur Web site on the World Wide Web."

The photos are too graphic to print, but the FOB flag is in the background of five of them.

These actions may violate the code of conduct set forth by SSA and the fraternity's own constitution and purpose.

"I believe that this party violated the intent of the section of the code that deals with responsible and legal use of alcohol," Siedlecki wrote.

"I believe that this party and the ensuing wet T-shirt contest violated the spirit and intent of the code as it relates to respectful treatment, sexual harassment and non-discrimination of others. Finally, I believe that this event violated the stated purpose of the fraternity itself."

FOB's objectives include: 1) promoting and furthering such social and professional affairs that will add to the upbringing of moral advancement of the members and 2) encouraging and stimulating individual attainment and advancement through the fellowship of all concerned.

An open hearing will be held on Thursday, March 18, at 8:20 p.m. in Oakwood Room of the Memorial Student Center.

According to Ian DeGraff, co-chair of the OACOC, a decision could be made

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Fire at Gutch's



by Becky Hartung, The Stoutonia

Gutch's Parkside, 932 N. Broadway St., erupted into flames on March 1. Fifty firefighters from three area departments used approximately 550,000 gallons of water to put out the blaze. Please see related story on page 3.

Laptop buying option no more

Administration: Re-sell program not cost-effective this year

Crystal Miller

When the University of Wisconsin-Stout signed the laptop contracts, there was an option at the end of two years for students to buy a used laptop from the university. A Feb. 27 e-mail from Provost Robert Sedlak informed the campus that this was no longer an option.

According to Marilyn Mars, director of purchasing, "it currently appears that it is cost prohibitive for the university to purchase the laptops for resale to the students."

"I think if they told us that we could purchase we should be able to," said Amanda Brehm, a sophomore in psychology.

> "We still have a goal of being able to create a resale program. We were just not able to do it in the first cycle."
>
> **Robert Sedlak**
> *Provost*

"As it stands right now, we need to 'scrub' (remove) all software from each machine, including the operating system since the contracts for the computers was separate from the contracts for the software," Sedlak said. "No one really wants a computer without an operating system and no software, and so an operating system would need to be purchased and installed as well as the Microsoft Suite. So besides buying new software there was the time involved for installing it again which added to the potential cost."

Although some may be disappointed, there is rhyme and reason as to why this option did not work out.

"What we have learned recently from other universities with this type of program is that they now only resell machines to graduating seniors, if they resell at all," Sedlak said. "The resold machines would likely no longer be under warranties and would not be serviced

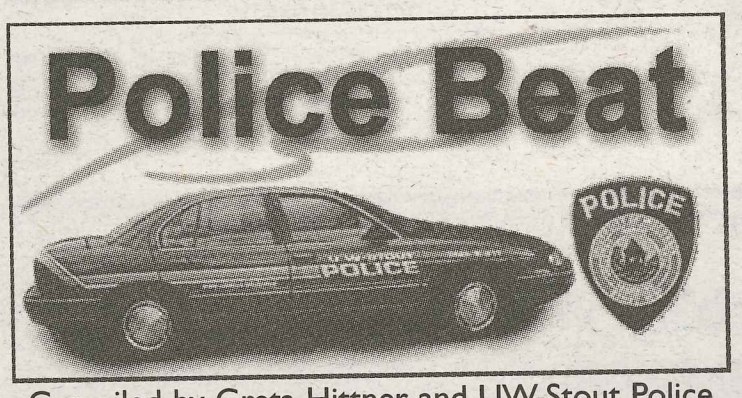
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NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 44° Low 27° Few Showers	High 40° Low 20° Partly Cloudy	High 35° Low 27° Partly Cloudy

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Office break-in

On March 2, a faculty member in Fryklund Hall reported to police that someone had entered her locked office over the weekend.

She found that an unknown suspect had opened her locked filing cabinet. She thinks the person may have been looking for a test which was given March 1.

The faculty member said that this was not the first time someone had entered her office without permission. The first incident was not reported to police.

Lost keys

A student reported to police on March 3 that he lost two university keys approximately three years ago.

The student was a former employee of the Johnson Fieldhouse and was issued three keys for various rooms in the fieldhouse and one master key to the fieldhouse.

The student said that he had given the master key to another now former employee of the fieldhouse.

The second employee lost the key. The student did not know which of the other keys were lost and it is unknown if he is still in possession of the remaining keys that were issued to him three years ago.

Future dorm security

Crystal Miller

Many students on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus wonder what the university does for campus security and what they are going to do for future security. There are many ideas in consideration.

Scott Griesbach, director of Housing and Residence Life has a list of different ideas the university has been thinking about including card readers, surveillance cameras and phones.

The card readers, located in the vestibule of the residence halls, will be working by fall 2004. The card readers work simply by the student swiping the card, allowing the door to unlock. The doors will lock around the same time they are locked now.

"Card readers record who is entering the building, so if a problem arises in the residence hall at a particular time; we can contact the people who entered the building at that time to see if they saw anything or can identify anyone," Griesbach said.

"We can also program the card reader to admit only who we want allowed into the building, such as the residents of that hall."

Another device the university would like to invest in are surveillance cameras. According to Griesbach, the cameras will only be placed at the front door areas and may be added to the side doors later. The cameras will allow security personnel to monitor who goes in and out of the building and keep record of anything that may happen.

"Surveillance cameras are planned, we just aren't sure when they'll be added," Griesbach said. "The factors we're considering are cost, the staff time it takes to wire them in and whether we want to have the images from the camera put on a tape, loaded to a file server, etc."

"I don't think security cameras are cool. I think they are a little extreme," said Monica Klewer, a sophomore in family and consumer sciences education.

Griesbach also mentioned a 'security phone' that would be placed in the vestibules of each residence hall. Visitors could use these phones to call a resident in the dorm to let them in. They would also be used as an emergency phone, contacting the police with a touch of a button. Campus security is hoping to purchase these by next fall.

"We always encourage students to walk in groups and keep doors locked," Griesbach said.

Residence halls will still be staffed with night security personnel.

Griesbach said, "The security is there; it is a matter of how well [students] implement it."

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NEWS

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Fire at Gutch's

Curt Trnka

Menomonie had not had a large fire in over three years. Making it to four was ruled out by the blaze at Gutch's Parkside restaurant on Monday, March 1. Officials suspect the blaze started due to electrical problems.

Firefighters determined the fire could not be attacked from the inside. The building had three roofs, and the middle roof was ablaze, causing the stability and safety of the building to hang in limbo.

When the fire was at its peak, Menomonie Fire Department Captain Dennis Klass estimated that about 2,500 gallons of water a minute were being dumped. In all, Klass estimated 550,0000 gallons of water were used on the inferno.

More than 50 firefighters from Menomonie, Colfax and Boyceville helped to quell the fire.

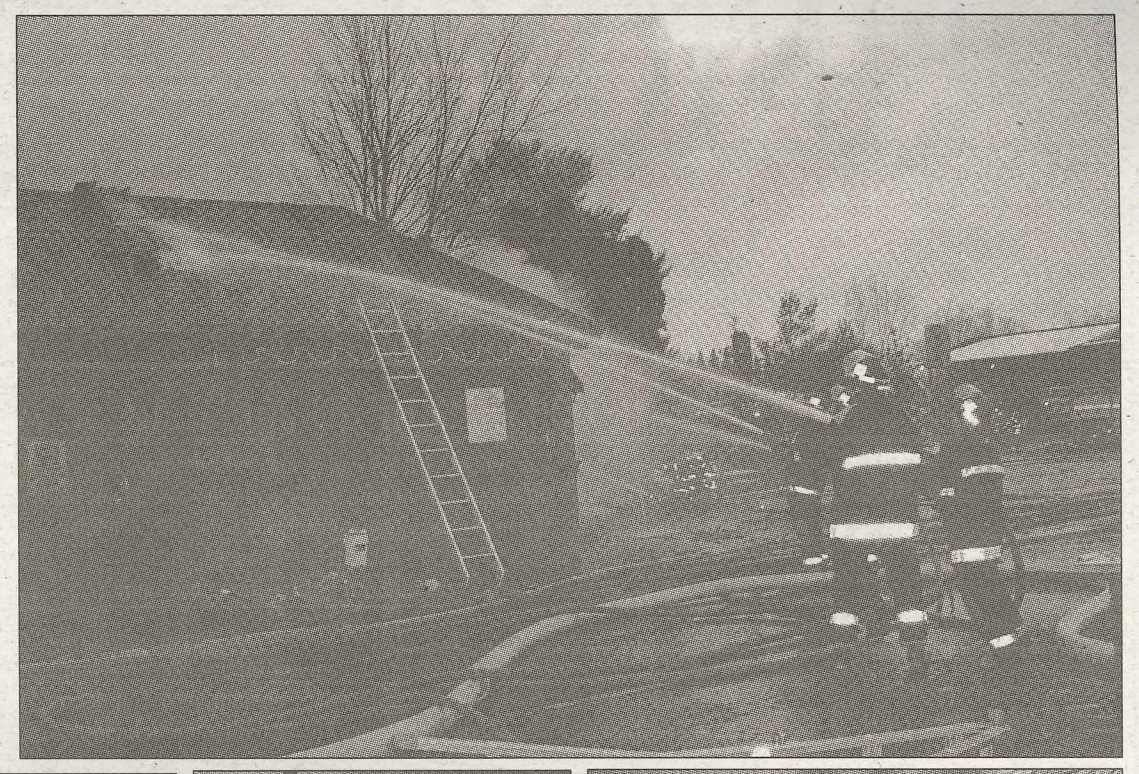
Northbound traffic on North Broadway Street (State Highway 25) had to be diverted twice to allow fire engines to set up in the southbound lanes.

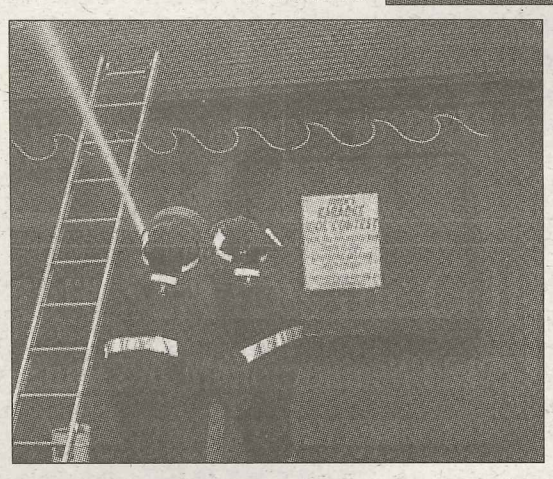
Klass said one of his main concerns was to make sure none of the firefighters were injured in the effort.

He mentioned that the extra firefighters were brought in to give people breaks and help continue to fight the fire.

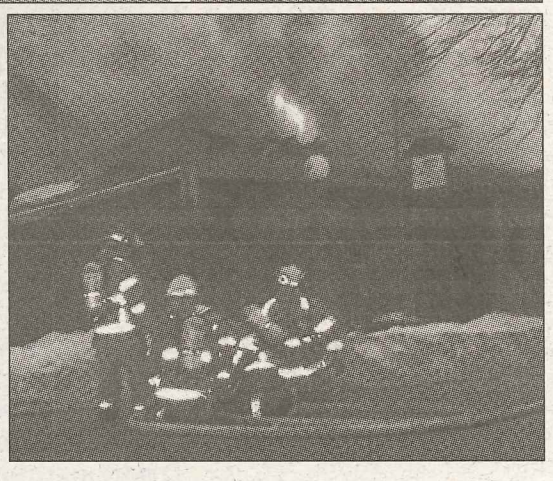
"It's too bad, it was a nice place to eat," said Klass.

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NCLB Act has local impact

Schools scramble for resources to help them educate teachers, students

Tim Krueger

Two years after President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act, school systems have attempted to adapt to the act's new guidlines; however, the topic continues to draw heated political debate.

Designed to make schools more accountable for performance and give parents more power, Bush touts the act as a crowning achievement for the improvement of the education system of the United States. The Bush administration has set a goal: by the year 2013, all students should be able to read and compute at, or above, their grade level.

John Kerry, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, claims Bush has in fact left millions of children behind. He asserts that by signing the act but leaving it underfunded, teachers and schools lack the necessary resources to meet the Bush administration's goals.

Jesse Harness, District Administrator for the Menomonie School District, has mixed feelings regarding the act.

He believes it was created with noble intentions, but comments, "...[I]t takes much more resources than what we have available to ensure that students will be proficient by 2013."

The act is enforced through more rigorous testing of students. If schools do not meet performance criteria, they may face punitive repercussions. More funding has also been given to help attract and maintain highly qualified teachers.

"Who can argue with all teachers being highly qualified?" asked Harness.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's School of Education has taken strides to ensure graduates will exceed the state's teaching standards.

> "Who can argue with all teachers being highly qualified?"
>
> **Jesse Harness**
> *District Administrator*
> *Menomonie School Distrct*

"We have been working hard this year to be sure that what we put in place will allow [School of Education students] to be certified," said Judy Jax, Dean of the School of Education.

The E-Portfolio program has also been implemented to give a better picture of education majors' progress throughout their college careers.

In addition to Bush's requirements, the State of Wisconsin has issued a new chapter of administrative code, titled PI34, which makes licensing requirements more stringent.

UW-Stout's School of Education is currently using a teaching framework designed by author Charlotte Danielson to help implement the PI34 legislation. Danielson will be speaking on campus on March 25.

The act has prompted the Menomonie School District to change testing procedures when evaluating student performance. In the past, students were tested every few grade levels.

Now, students in grades three through eight are tested every year in reading and math. Starting in the 2006-07 school year, they will also receive yearly testing in science.

One of the largest concerns about the act is that there is little definition for what constitutes a highly qualified teacher.

"For us, the teacher standard says that teachers must have a bachelor's degree, a [teaching] license and [they must] pass a test of knowledge in their area," said Harness.

He added that 100 percent of the teachers in the Menomonie School District were qualified according to the state.

More information can be obtained by visiting http://www.ed.gov/nclb/.

FOB / Code hearing

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Thursday night, but an additional meeting may be needed.

If the committee finds FOB guilty of any violations, FOB would have two options. They could accept responsibility and receive sanctions as determined by the committee, or they could appeal the decision and then the matter would go to University Court.

Although rare, the University Court's decision could be appealed to Chancellor Charles Sorensen, and the Chancellor's decision could be appealed to the UW Board of Regents. The Regents' decision would be final.

FOB was the first fraternity on the UW-Stout campus, founded in 1927 by William "Bud" Micheels.

Micheels was also president of the university from 1961-1971. During his tenure, the art program began, as well and hotel and restaurant management and vocational rehabilitation.

Resale / Not this year

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by the walk up help desk."

"Considering [laptops are] why the people came to Stout, they should let us buy them," said Callie Overturf, a freshman in apparel design and development.

According to Sedlak, the number of students who wanted to buy a laptop was small. However, they are still looking for a way to make this option work for the students that want it.

"We still have a goal of being able to create a resale program," Sedlak said. "We were just not able to do it in the first cycle."

According to Mars, as of right now this plan will not work because of high costs for students and the university to pay. The students would receive the laptop itself but would not receive the software, including the operating system, to go along with it because the laptop contracts are separate from the software contracts.

"That's what we are looking at right now; how we can have the laptops available at the senior or graduating year," Mars said.



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Get ready for the big push



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

Break o' Spring, where did you go?

Those short seven days were supposed to refresh all of the students and staff for the big push that's coming up, but no one ever seems to come back quite as well rested and caught up on schoolwork as they planned.

Everyone knows it's coming. It's that time of year when sleep becomes less and less a nightly occurrence and more of an addiction to cat naps.

School, schoolwork, work and sleep all battle for a student's time from now until the final exam of the year.

So, knowing that the big push was coming, everyone used spring break to sleep and relax, right?

Mexico.

Florida.

Cruises.

The list goes on, but each example points to the same answer. Most students use spring break to get away from college, not to get ready for more college.

"Man spring break was great," said Terry Student. "I got so drunk in Mexico, and that weird Mexican dancer was kinda hot. The guys said we slept together, but I don't know about that.

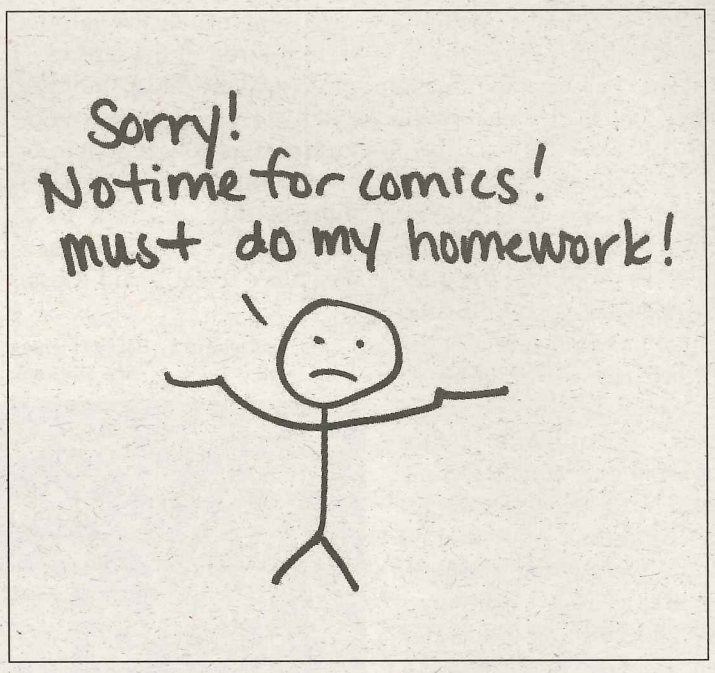
"Wait a minute! It's noon on Monday! I just slept through two classes, and I'm gonna be late for my last one. Nah. Screw it. Sleep sounds like a better idea."

Students don't come back on Monday and think that it's time to buckle down. Students come back and whine about how break wasn't long enough.

An interesting, but stupid idea, is that spring break should be two weeks long.

That way people could go on trips for one week then sleep and chill for the other.

The problem with this kind of logic is that students don't think like this. They would see two weeks of spring break as a chance to get an even better tan than they did last year.



For most students, this is the time of the semester where no matter what they try to do, they just fall further behind in their classes.

Skipping out of class becomes far more popular after break because the time off encouragies students to be lazy.

Soon, the weather will be getting warmer and all those swimsuit-wearing people will come out of the woodwork: yet another reason to skip class.

For seniors, this time of year can be dangerous. They are all so close to being done, but if they don't stay focused, they might find themselves coming back again next fall.

So here's to spring break staying just the way it is.

Students will always want to go to warm and exciting places for a break from the stresses of college life. They just need to realize that when classes start back up, they need to put down the sun block, beer or camera, and pick up a couple of their textbooks.

Spring breaking it like nobody else



MUPPET LOGIC
Tim Krueger

Traveling has been one of my favorite activities thus far in my life and also one of the most influential in my life's learning. For spring break, I joined Stout Adventures on the sea kayaking trip to Florida.

I had only been in a kayak one other time in my life, so learning this new skill was enjoyable and challenging. However, the true learning came from an unlikely portion of the trip: 1,319 miles to destination.

In order to move 13 students to Port St. Joe, Fla., driving is the only financially feasible option, especially when each of these people are accompanied by a 17-foot long Rubbermaid container designed to navigate the great blue.

Having traveled through 46 of the 50 states by car, train, bicycle and Greyhound, I have come to know what to expect from road trips and how to deal with the peculiarities of different cultural executions of achievement. However, I have not been to the South since I was 12-years-old and was in no way prepared for the oddities of this particular social group.

In Tennessee, there must be very little regard for maintaining tact in public display. While strip clubs have never been the moral high ground of any community, Menomonie at least has "Shooters," a very simple name to protect, at least somewhat, the young and innocent. In the South? The "Boobie Bungalow" was on the billboard advertised to all of Interstate 65.

Further south, it would be made clear to me that Alabamans have a penchant for military equipment on a stick. Entering the state, we were greeted with an actual Saturn V Boost Missile on display, with a small park to commemorate whatever its incendiary cousins have eliminated from existence.

Deeper into the state, we saw various assortments of military helicopters, airplanes and assorted battle equipment precariously perched on poles for the entire world to enjoy.

While many of us have seen various items on display around VFW posts and National Guard units, my mind was pressed to find reason in the sheer randomness of their placement. Spare Blackhawk helicopter?

"Getcherself a goldang post and put er next to dat dere highway."

A member of our group had a local inform us that she had "lived here my whole life except for when I didn't."

Add a southern accent for dramatic effect, re-read and soak up the stuttering intellectual capacity of this wonderful person.

Poking fun at other cultures is always easy, especially when the one you originate from is completely superior. However, seeing the backwards way in which these cretins live is a great way to evaluate what we deem important in our own culture.

As with any other traveling I have done, I didn't want the trip to end, but I have also never come back with such a great appreciation for Menomonie.

Small, unexciting and redneck as it is, I have grown accustomed to the way we live here, and after calling it my home for almost five years, it is the only place I want to be.

Worth Hearing Once

Chewy food

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Letters to the Editor

Gay marriage is marriage,

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The first amendment seems pretty straightforward, yet some in our country don't get it; they say, "Marriage is a sacred institution between a man and a woman." But the very word Sanctity is defined by Webster's as "holiness of life and character," sometimes called Godliness.

Our country is one of great freedoms, but these freedoms did not come without great sacrifice, and great controversy. The revolutionaries fought to gain freedom from their oppressors overseas. Minority groups have continued down the same road toward freedom. Freeing the slaves, granting women and blacks the right to vote, and more-recently ending the segregation of our schools.

The fight to end segregation changed on May 17, 1954 when the U.S. Supreme Court first struck down the idea of "Separate, but Equal." Now, fifty years later, on May 17, 2004, the Massachusetts Supreme Court is once again standing up for Equal Rights. They are reaffirming what we have known for the last fifty years – "Separate, but equal"" is not just.

Of course many have argued that the Bible gives justification for persecuting various groups, like the slaves, women, and now homosexuals. I don't buy it. We all have the right to practice whatever religion we choose, we don't have the right to force our religion on the world.

The argument about Marriage is an argument about our Constitution, and our Country. Do we believe that this is a Democracy, of, for, and by the people? Or have we relegated ourselves to living in a Theocracy of, for, and by a minute few overzealous religious institutions?

As a gay man, I will not accept my fate as a second-class citizen, and as an American, I will stand up to defend my country and its ideals, whenever called.

David Hay
SSA President

Right idea, wrong way,

As a former anorectic, I applaud your effort to address eating disorder awareness by printing "A fear of fat, leading people to their own graves".

However, I distinguish the Stoutonia from other publications as a university based paper that not only informs and entertains, but also educates. Although I do not expect Stoutonia staff writers to be experts concerning eating disorders, I do expect writers to recognize their indirect role as educator in a college environment, where anorexia and bulimia grow as quickly as bacteria in warm Petri dish. With that in mind, please take caution to refrain from triggering.

"Triggering" means to contribute further to a sufferer feeling badly about themselves. Moreover, triggering cues one to engage in symptom use, such as starving, binging, obsessing about weight, etc.

For an impressionable person, when they read someone's eating disorder statistics accompanied by a photo of a woman's emaciated midriff, they are often inspired to compete with those measurements or images. And that is precisely what the article did, by detailing ad nauseam a former anorectic's facts and figures to the at-risk student community. I realize you want to entice people to read articles, but refrain from doing so with eating disorders, because it romanticizes the mystique of a sufferer and downplays the psychological and physiological consequences.

I believe Stoutonia had the best intentions when composing the article, and hope staff writers continue to research and explore eating disorder awareness and prevention in future issues.

Mary Belknap
UW-Stout Student

Laptops blow chunks,

I don't have a school issued laptop. I RULE! I don't mean to brag, but aww hell, I have it easy. Unfortunately those of you with laptops are being screwed and must voice your opinions.

During the sugar coated laptop hysteria, weren't you all informed that one day you'd have the ability to purchase your laptop? Didn't that make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside? I'm sure it did because all that sugar was going straight to your brain, and soon you were on that "Laptop High." Students weren't told about the slow performance, the faulty fans, and the hard drive crashes they'd receive in their school issued laptop 'cause that would be one hell of a buzz kill.'

A couple weeks ago we all got an email. (You know which one I'm talking about.) It said something along the lines of "Whoops, we made a promise to everyone without fully examining the details. I'm sorry. We were just kidding with you."

That may have not been the exact wording, but I believe I summed it up nicely. I don't believe such a broken promise should be able to pass by us so easily. It's bad business, and it's not Malcolm Baldridge Award material.

I wonder if the incoming freshmen received this email too, or will they also be misled into this crazy mess? I hope some of you discussed this with your parents over spring break, and I hope the school hears from them soon! Lay off the sugar.

Chad Narva
UW-Stout Student who wants the Malcolm Baldridge Award revoked

"One source?"



JUSTSENSE
Brian Legg

Exclusively citing a 2,000-year-old, heavily biased text is an outright insult to intelligent debate. If you missed the reference, I'm talking about the Bible.

It's not that I hate the good book; it's just that I love intelligent debate. Furthermore, the arguments I enjoy are those with deep moral implications, and it sucks when those conversations end in a "that's what the Bible says" stalemate.

Don't stop reading the greatest story ever told on my accord, just consider checking out an opposing viewpoint now and again. When you cross-reference ideas in other sources you not only make yourself look smarter, you can also gain insight and strengthen your own beliefs. Challenge yourself with an opposing viewpoint and you'll be the better for it.

Here's a practical example: if a professor assigned a paper and your bibliography contained only one source, you would fail. This is because the paper would be one-sided and easily influenced by its author's biases. Likewise, an argument based solely on the Bible is subject to its author's predisposition to believe that they were expressing the will of God.

Debates dealing with abortion, gay marriage and other hot button issues are sure to be widely debated as we enter the political season, and it is important that people attempt to keep open minds. Quick reliance on a trusty text will only bring about a quick end to any meaningful exchange of ideas.

The Bible is a good moral guide to living, but my fear is that it is being taken too literally and is being applied where it shouldn't. I believe in a higher power, but I am very skeptical of any person who claims to be speaking on his/her/its behalf, or to be translating that message literally. That's just my opinion, but luckily we live in a society that has a separation of church and state. This was put in place not only to keep the United States of America from becoming a theocracy, but also to protect people's freedom of and from religion. While morals are important components of a functioning society, their derivation, like argumentative citations, ought not exclusively be the Bible.

So my challenge to those who are sure to write in and bash my article: find one other source to cite whilst you bash.

Single life is no reason to shed tears



THEDROP
Lindsey Schuldt

Single life has become one of my favorite things about college.

It seems like a month or so ago everyone I knew was going through a dramatic breakup faster than unknown meats were being packed into Spam. Looking back now, I think it was about darn time.

Did you know that even Barbie and Ken broke up this past month? That's right, after 46 years she's dumping him to be a more independent woman. All I could think when I found out was if *she* can do it, what am I waiting for?

I have never really known the single life until this year, and I have recently been amazed at all of the opportunities I have missed out on that come along with being single in college. So much so that I wonder why someone didn't slap me before and tell me about everything that I was missing.

For example, all of the people you meet when you're at social functions, and all of the different activities you can get involved in that you never had time for before.

After all, that's what college life is all about: opportunities.

When I first became single, I was terrified at the thought of having to try to find "the one" all over again. It's such a big quest, and who wants to try and figure out forever at the not-quite-all-knowing age of 19?

I'll let you in on a little secret that I figured out. You don't have to!

That's what being single is all about. It is the opportunity to get to know as many people as possible, including yourself and what you do and don't want.

The way I see it, dating, or even going on dates, is like picking fruit in the summer. You always want a variety, and you always want your basket overflowing.

There's no rule that says all the fruit is going to be good, but who knows, you might find a new kind you really like.

Now, I know you can't really reduce human emotion to food variance, but it still makes for good thinking.

Being single rocks because you don't have to think about "forever." You don't have to worry about checking in with someone or planning your life around someone else's schedule.

I finally feel like I'm 19, and not 40 and married. The freedom is almost more than I know what to do with.

Single life provides the opportunity to find out who you are as well as the type of person you want to be. You get to know your friends all over again and meet a whole new set of friends. You get to do things that you never would have done before, and instead of becoming this part of a half, you become your own whole.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not encouraging a campus-wide split of couples; if you're in love, there's no better place to be, but if you aren't, don't be in a rush to get there.

But, until then, I'm going to have the time of my life trying to find that perfect fruit that I've never had the opportunity of tasting before. I've realized I only have this life to live, and I don't intend on wasting even a second of another day.

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Tying the knot now, not later

Lara Monk



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Many students are choosing to get married while they are still enrolled in school. While the stress of a wedding can seem intimidating, they argue the benefits outweigh the downfalls.

Men may not believe it, but the truth is out: women begin dreaming about their wedding during their childhood. Don't get too scared. They may not begin actually planning the day until they are engaged, but the fantasy of the "big day" may exist before she hits the double digits.

Some people don't understand what the big deal is. It is only one day. For this reason, the variety of weddings, especially among students, is diverse. Although as children women may not dream of eloping or walking down the carpeted hallway of the local court house, as time proceeds and money gets tight, it may become more of a 'have to' rather than a 'want to.'

For others, the big scene at the church, the white dress and the 200 guests seems overrated and something different is more appealing. Whatever the couple's decision, there are advantages and disadvantages to either road they choose.

Planning a wedding while going to school "is like having three full time jobs: school, the relationship and the wedding," said Jonna Miller, a UW-Stout graduate.

"There is a lot to do!" said Anna Ebert, a junior in packaging. "You just need to be able to balance everything."

While playing a balancing act might seem overwhelming for some students, others feel that now may be the most stable time to get married.

"It is nice to take one thing at a time," said Aaron Miller, a junior in construction. "If we had waited we would have new jobs and a new location. We felt it would be easier to focus on our relationship while in school. Another plus is the financial aid is a lot better."

Besides financial aid, there are numerous benefits to tying the knot while still in school.

"Aaron has two years left and feels that school is easier now that we don't have to stress out about spending time together," said J. Miller.

For those students that are thinking about getting married during college, there are many pieces of advice those who have been through it already can offer.

"My advice would be to talk to people who have already planned a wedding to get advice, and not to make things complicated," said Ebert. "A wedding can still be elegant even if it's simple."

Although there are various categories for planning, like the church, the reception hall, flowers, dresses, etc., there are certain areas that are more time consuming than others.

"For us it was the invitations and the programs because I designed and made them myself with the help of family and friends," said A. Miller.

Ebert offers a similar opinion on what consumes the most time and cost.

"The invitations, by far," said Ebert. "We are making our own invitations to save money, but they are taking a long time. We had a friend design them, order the paper and then we printed them and had them cut. Then we had to assemble the invitations. It also took a long time to compile all the addresses and to address the envelopes."

Whether you plan a long or a short engagement, planning a wedding takes a dedicated time commitment, and there is no best way to do it.

"You just have to prioritize what is really important to you, whether it would be where you have the reception or what kind of ceremony you want," said J. Miller. "I think a shorter time to plan is good because it forces you to make decisions right away. I had eight months, and I still feel like I had too much time to change my mind about things."

"Planning a wedding is as stressful as you make it," said Ebert. "It helps to be organized and have a fairly simple wedding. You need to be flexible, because not everything always works out as planned." said Ebert.

What leads people to wait until after college? Most likely, it's the thought of balancing school, planning and a marriage. If the idea of additional stress is the only thing keeping you from taking the next step, take a look at the world outside of school: life can be stressful whenever you make it that way.

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Stout Watch



Kayla Thompson - 19
undecided
freshman

Hometown: Fridley, Minn.
Relationship Status: Taken

How would your friends describe you? Full of energy.

Ten years from now what will you be doing?
Hopefully, I will have my career by choice: a marriage and couples counselor, married and maybe a child.

What do you never leave home without doing?
Brushing my teeth and hair.

What is the first thing you will do when the temperature reaches 65 degrees?
Go somewhere to clothes shop, not wear a coat and play football outside.

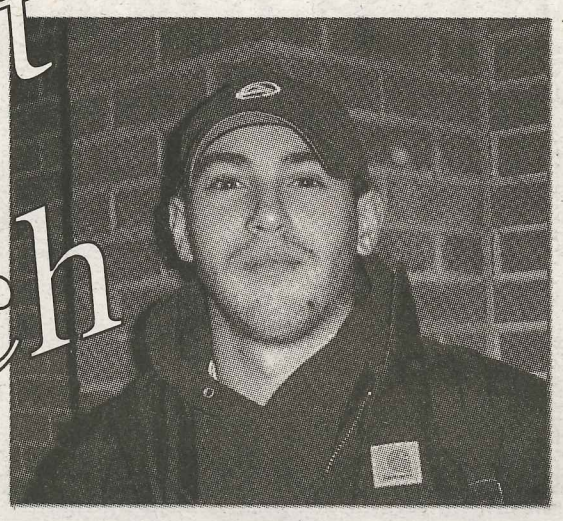
What are you most often asked?
What's your real age?

What is the worst job you ever had?
I worked at a Trophy and Signs doing inventory.

What is the worst pick-up line that has ever been used on you?
Are you tired? Because you've been running through my head all day.

Favorite Sport: Football.

What is some advice you would like to give the students of UW-Stout?
Don't hold back, do what you really want to do with your life and don't procrastinate.



Sean Stevermer - 21
business administration
senior

Hometown: Amery, Wis.
Relationship Status: I have a girlfriend.

How would your friends describe you? Dynamic.

Ten years from now what will you be doing?
Working, rich, famous, a lottery winner.

What do you never leave home without doing?
Shutting the door.

What is the first thing you will do when the temperature reaches 65 degrees?
Drink outside.

What are you most often asked?
Have you got any gum?

What is the worst job you ever had?
I worked at a greenhouse where I had to mix dirt all day.

What is the worst pick-up line that has ever been used on you?
Are you a good cop or a bad cop?

Favorite Sport: I don't like sports.

What is some advice you would like to give the students of UW-Stout?
Transfer schools.

Describe your ideal date:
Going somewhere fun, doing something exciting, getting drunk.

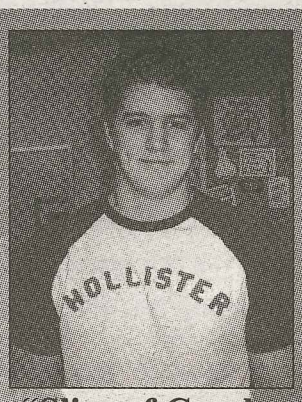
Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

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Slant



"Chicken a la Sheena."
Sheena Beauchaine
business administration
industrial sales management
sophomore

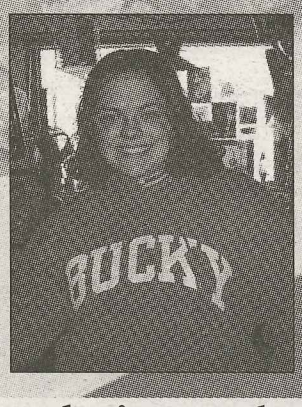


"Slice of Crack because everyone wants a piece of this."
Joe "Crack" Wiesneski
technology education
sophomore

If you could name a sandwich after yourself, what would it be and why?



"The Bomb Diggity, cause I'm lovin it ba da ba da ba."
Logan Warren
technology education
senior



"Bologna Baugus because nobody eats bologna anymore. You can't forget about Oscar Meyer, plus it has a good ring to it."
Emily Baugus
hotel, restaurant and
tourism managment
freshman

Next Week:

What is the best thing to taste in someone else's mouth while kissing?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"A disturbing crime proves the need for change."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

In the midst of the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, something else unthinkable happened. A crime was committed in Florida so mind baffling I am still coping with the shock.

This past Saturday, I was watching the news, and across the bottom of the screen scrolled a tidbit stating that a man had been found guilty of the kidnapping, sexual battery and attempted murder of a nine-month-old baby.

No, that was not a typo.

On September 22, 2001 ,Randolph Standifer took the baby from his friend's home, brought her to a wooded area and proceeded to rape and strangle her. When investigators got to the scene of the crime, they found the baby alive, covered in ant bites and her own blood.

As I did more research, articles revealed an extensive history of troubling scenarios, which show that he was a troubled individual, but I completely agree with the jury's decision to dismiss the defendant's plea of insanity.

There is something so wrong about rape, let alone against a baby, that is completely inexcusable in my mind.

Next month, Standifer will be sentenced to his penalty of life in prison. If only life were longer, maybe he would get his deserved punishment.

Maybe this case is a wake-up call that irresponsible parents or those who simply can't care for their children shouldn't be able to remain the guardian of their kids.

Mainly, this is a wake-up call that rape and sexual assault crimes are becoming more frequent and worse crimes are being committed.

In high school, I was told that myself or one of three girls around me would be raped in our lifetime. Now, as a three-year-old child lives with the scars of her rape and colostomy operation, we need to take a serious look at our legal system.

More preventative measures, or harsher punishments for sex offenders, are solutions we need to look into in order to stop these horrible and unbelievable crimes from happening.

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Blood drive result just under goal

Lindsey Schuldt

What more could one person do than help to save another person's life? University of Wisconsin-Stout students tried to do just that on March 2 and 3 during this year's annual American Red Cross blood drive sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma.

"We had a good turn out, but did not reach our goals," said Colleen Trejo, an American Red Cross representative. One hundred and five people was the intended goal for each day. The first day, 78 students showed up to give blood and only 10 were deferred from donating. The second day, they held the same goal but only had 91 people offer to donate and 16 of them were deferred.

Of the 143 UW-Stout students who donated blood, 39 of the donors were first time donors. This is compared with last year's 64 first-time donors. With similar goals set for last year, 194 students able to donate blood. Despite getting more students to donate last year, the Gamma Sigma Sigmas still considered the blood drive a success.

"One pint of blood saves three lives," said Abigail Hail, a senior majoring in psychology. "They take the platlets out, and even plasma. So just a little bit goes a long way."

This year UW-Stout students donated 133 units of blood total between the two days. Last year, UW-Stout students donated a total of 176 units of blood.

"I was involved in the blood drive because I can't give blood, and I don't like needles, but I know a lot of people who could use blood," said Hail. "I wanted to help in any way I can, and I thought helping with the blood drive and putting it together would be a good way to help."

If some people have not donated blood before but would like to donate blood in the future, they can talk to any of the Gamma Sigmas, and they will be able to direct students to the appropriate sources. People who have donated have already saved lives.

"You never know what is going to happen; perhaps you or someone you know gets into an accident," said Kerry Strutz, a sophomore majoring in graphic communication management. "You could make a difference with one donation."

Next time, the American Red Cross hopes to achieve its goal of 105 people donating blood on each day the drive is held. If you do not get a chance to sign up before the next blood drive, walk-ins are always accepted.





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Gamma Sigma Sigma held a blood drive on March 2 and 3. 169 students donated blood, which was slightly less than their goal of 210 donors.

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>**Sports Nutrition Workshop,** 7:30 p.m. 208 Home Economics.
>**Thursday Night Out,** 8:30-11:30 p.m., Rec Center.
> **"All American Picnic,"** 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Corner III, 304 Home Economics.
>**Public Sale,** UW-Stout Surplus Property, 12- 2 p.m., 817 S. Broadway room 146.
> **Easy Chair and After Glow,** 9:30 p.m., The Stones Throw. 21+, $3.

Friday, Mar. 19
>**Pat McCurdy and the Muldoons,** 9:30 p.m., The Stones Throw. 21+, $6.

Saturday, Mar. 20
>**"Marcus Belgrave's The Louis Armstrong Tradition,"** 8 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $16.
>**Mosaics Workshop**, 10 a.m., School of the Arts, $47.50.
> **No Boundaries and Sheckere 3,** 6 p.m., The Stones Throw, 16-20, $5.
> **"Stargazer,"** 7 p.m., Phillips Hall UW-EC, $1.
>**Drunk Drivers, Skintones and Grickle Grass,** 9 p.m. The Stones Throw, 21+, $5.

Sunday, Mar. 21
> **"Stargazer,"** 7 p.m., Phillips Hall UW-EC, $1.

Monday, Mar. 22
>**Monday Movie,** 10 p.m., Climbing Wall.

Tuesday, Mar. 23
> **"Stargazer,"** 7 p.m., Phillips Hall UW-EC, $1.

Wednesday, Mar. 24
>**Carribean Catch,** 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Corner III 304 Home Economics.

Thursday, Mar. 25
>**Mardi Gras,** 11 a.m.- 12:45 p.m., Corner III 304 Home Economics.
>**"Samantha "Rastles" the Woman Question,"** 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $8.
>**Stereotyperider,** 8 p.m., Huff's.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Rockin' in the Rec Center



MUSICMASTER
Eric Iverson

Blue Devil Productions (BDP) and the University of Wisconsin-Stout Recreation Center (U-Rec) are teaming up once again to provide you with a rockin' sockin' good time this Thursday.

Stereotyperider from Arizona, Signsedso from Illinois and Thought Police from UW-Stout will be performing at 8 p.m. in the Rec Center across from the Pawn.

Let me tell you, this will be an action packed, wallet-friendly Thursday. For the cost of zero dollars, you have the chance to see three rock bands while playing your favorite bar olympics sports, which includes bowling, pool, foosball or darts.

Headlining the show is Stereotyperider, a rock band which mixes styles of punk, hardcore and emo to create a unique sound.



www.stereotyperider.com

This Arizona based band, Stereotyperider, showcases Mike Upsahl on vocals and guitar, Shane Addington on vocals and guitar,Anthony Germinare on bass,and Dave Aiona King on drums.



www.stereotyperider.com

King plays the drums for Stereotyperider, and also adds a vocal touch.

"Stereotyperider is one of the most talented bands I've heard in a long time," said Kelly Ehley, a junior in technical communications. "They combine many styles that separate them from most punk rock bands popular right now."

The band was formed in 1999 and has been recording albums and touring since then. The group is very well polished because they've done three U.S. tours and have played over 60 shows in Arizona alone.

"Stereotyperider puts a new depth to the meaning of music and has such a high energy stage presence it will get the whole crowd moving," said Ehley.

Taking the stage before Stereotyperider will be Signsedso from Bloomington, Ill. The rock band is touring on their self-titled fourth album.

Their sound could be placed either in the punk or indie-rock genres. Some songs have a hard, rough sound while others have smooth, melodic sound with heartfelt lyrics.

"I've listened to most of their songs online," said Doug Stevens, an undecided sophomore. "I think they have a distinctive hip sound, and I can't wait to see them live."

The opening band, Thought Police, is from UW-Stout. The band uses a unique combination of violin, guitar and vocals to create a fresh new sound which falls into the indie-rock genre.

Erin Therrien plays the violin while Ehley strums her guitar and sings. The band's inspirations include Head of Femur, Pretty Girl Make Graves, Cursive and Death Cab and others, yet their music sounds nothing like them.

Therrien explained how the band was trying to do something different with their music.

"It's a mix of girl, garage and indie-rock, but the violin makes it very beautiful at times," said Therrien.

"Sex and Beer" is coming here



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

He can persuade crowds by the hundreds to dance like fools to songs about driving in reverse and sex and beer. Unknown to the masses, Pat McCurdy has captivated nearly everyone that attends his shows.

This comedic singer performs with such energy and charisma that he can be compared to the cast of "Who's Line is it Anyway" in one crazy man.

McCurdy, a University of Wisconsin alum, will be playing at The Stones Throw in Eau Claire, Friday at 9:30 p.m.

Appealing to mainly college students, McCurdy sings on a variety of subjects and adds a satire that leaves permanent smiles on the crowds' faces during the show.

Beginning in the late 70s, McCurdy performed in three

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http://www.patmccurdy.com

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Invoking the Passion in millions



MOVIE REVIEW
Lara Monk

Around the year 30 A.D., Jesus of Nazareth began to teach publicly and to proclaim the coming of a "Kingdom of God." For centuries, the Jewish people had expected the appearance of a promised deliverer known as the Messiah - Jesus appeared to be this Messiah.

In "The Passion of the Christ," Mel Gibson graphically portrays the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life as depicted in the New Testament - the Last Supper, Judas' betrayal, the arrest, the trial and the crucifixion.

The film stars James Caviezel ("Frequency," "Angel Eyes") as Jesus Christ, Monica Bellucci ("The Matrix Reloaded," "Tears of the Sun") as Mary Magdalene and Romanian actress Maia Morgenstern, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, as the Virgin Mary.

"The film industry has never seen anything like this...," said Caviezel in an interview with EWTN Global Catholic Network Director Raymond Arroyo.

"The Passion of the Christ" opened in 2,800 theaters on Ash Wednesday. Since its opening, it has grossed $268 million at the box office.

Gibson, who earned $25 million each for "The Patriot," "Signs" and "What Women Want," financed the film out of his own pocket.

"The Passion of the Christ" gained the attention of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in June 2003, eight months prior to its expected release. The ADL has criticized the film's portrayal of the Jewish crowd that demanded Christ's death.

The film is graphically violent, but according to Gibson, it is a purposeful violence.

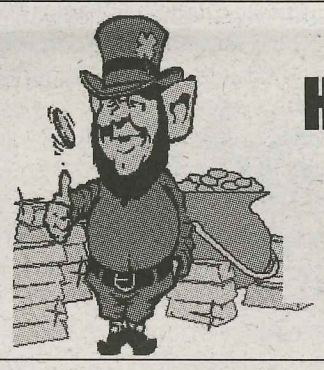
Gibson admits, "it's not easy to watch."

Chunks of flesh fly from the back of Caviezel (Christ) as he trembles, chained to a stump, while whips exerted by Roman torturers crack.

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In this scene, Roman guards whip Jesus as he carries his cross up to Golgatha with the help of Simon.



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McCurdy / sings the crazy truth

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Pat McCurdy set out on his solo career in 1987 and has become one of the Midwest's most popular unknown entertainers.

notable Milwaukee bands: Yipes!, The Men About Town and The Confidentials, until 1987 when he set out to try a solo career. In the past 17 years, he has managed to put on more shows every year than there are days in a year.

For those attending on of his shows for the first time, McCurdy may sing a special song as he does for any "Pat virgins."

For the "Pat Heads," (a cult-like following of crazed McCurdy fans) a performance without McCurdy's signature, "Sex and Beer, would likely lead to a riot.

"St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, said, 'It came to me upon a midnight clear. I finished writing all of my gospel. Now all I seem to want is sex and beer.'" McCurdy sings as the crowd begins to do the "Sex and Beer" dance McCurdy taught them earlier.

With over 500 songs written, McCurdy continues to add new lyrics and songs to his shows, giving audience members a different show every time.

McCurdy has a magnetism that sucks in a crowd whether they think he is crazy or crude. They tend to stick around to see what he'll do next. The lyrics may be unfamiliar, but by the end, this crazy comedic singer will have you belting the tunes.

Passion /made millions

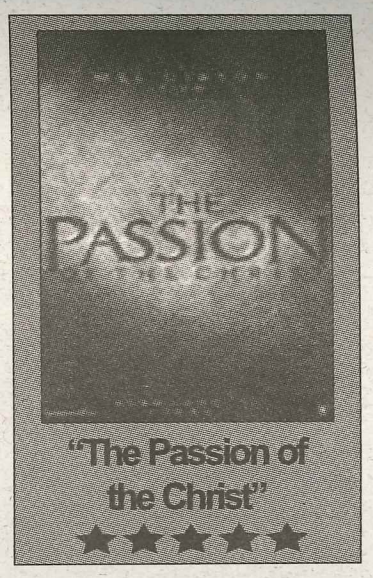
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"We've done the research," Gibson says. "I'm telling the story as the Bible tells it. I think the story, as it really happened, speaks for itself. The Gospel is a complete script, and that's what we're filming."

Stan Kellner, International Bible Society, in a letter to Icon said, "As a Jew, while I see why some Jewish leaders might be offended, I must say that the only reason they would be is because of how close to the Scriptures you [Gibson] stayed in the telling of the story."

CNN, Fox News, the New York Times Magazine, the New Yorker and other major media have been covering the film since August 2002. The opinions span the emotional spectrum, from outrage and condemnation to awe and praise.

"The Passion of the Christ" was shot in late 2002 and early 2003 in Rome's famed Cinecitta Studios and in Matera, Italy. Gibson worked on "The Passion's" screenplay with Benedict Fitzgerald, a conservative Catholic. The men labored over the script for nearly two years, cutting and pasting passages from the



Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and incorporating accounts and interpretations by other saints, nuns and religious scholars.

The film is for everyone. For believers and nonbelievers, Jesus Christ is undoubtedly one of the most important historical figures of all time.

"This is the way of the world ... We're always going to have those ignorant people around, always," Gibson sighed. "But the way to defeat ignorance is knowledge. And knowledge defeats fear. I believe that this film is a step in that process."

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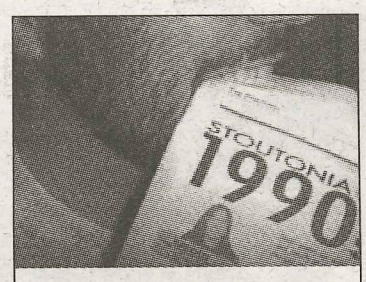
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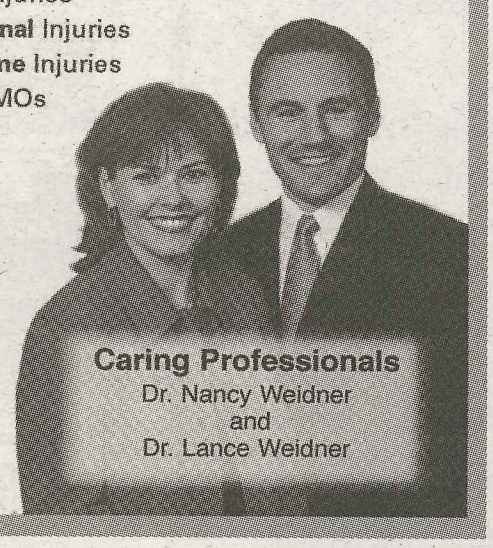


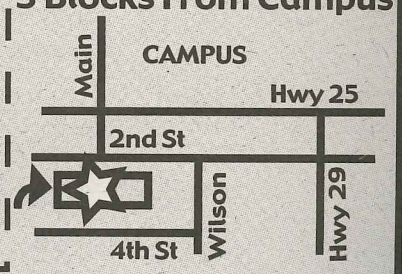
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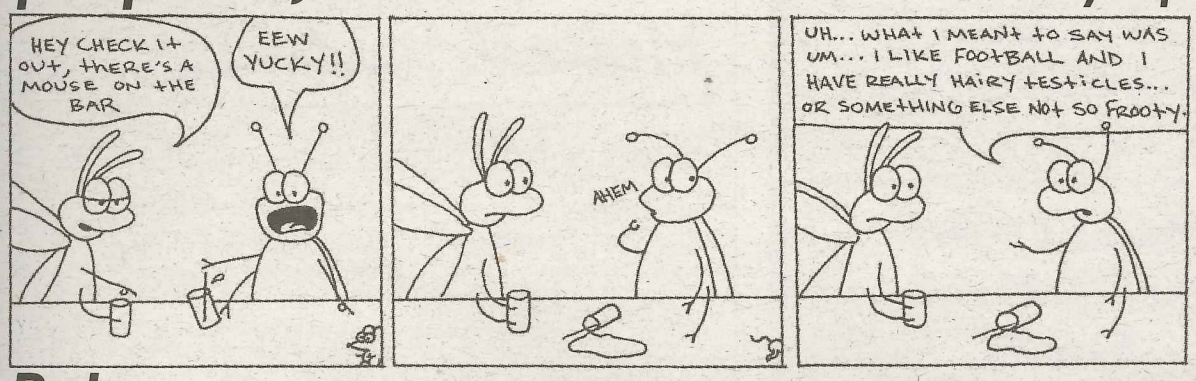
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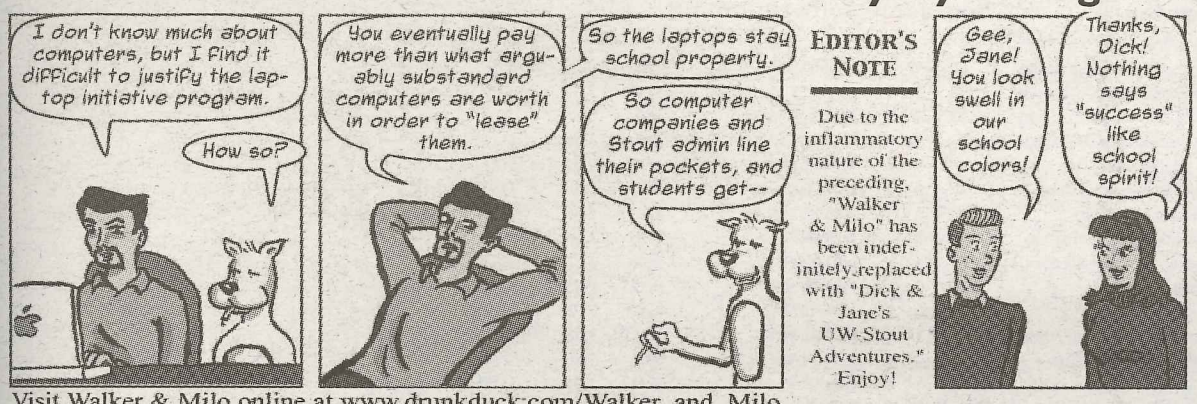
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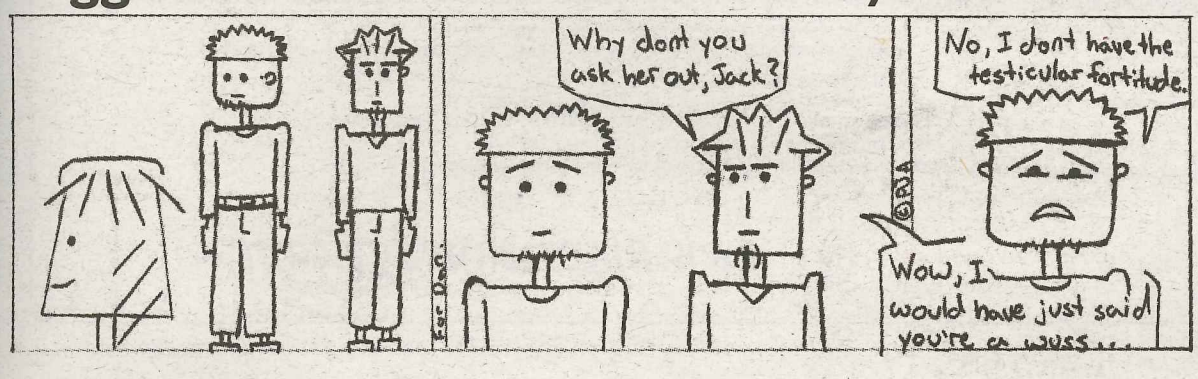
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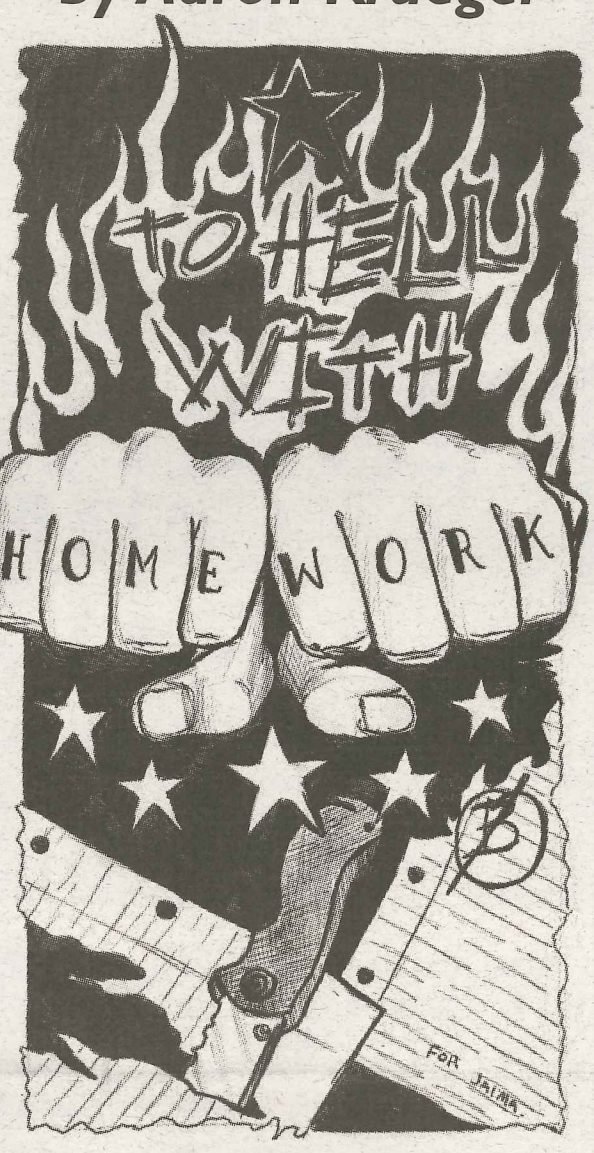
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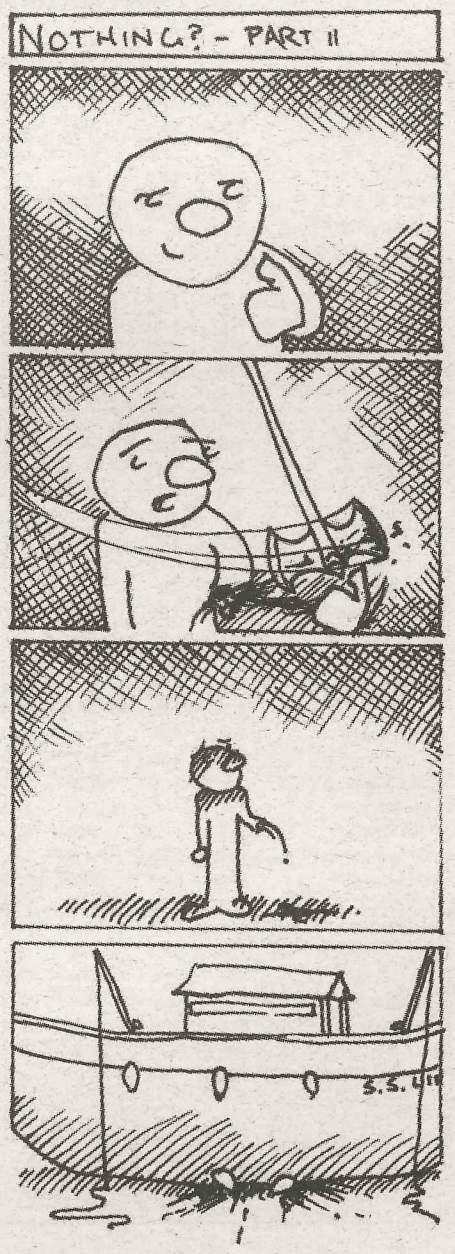
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3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$495	$124	$615	$154	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$560	$140	$720	$180	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$580	$145	$700	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$600	$150	$760	$190	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$900	$225	$1100	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$740	$185	$880	$220	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$700	$175	$880	$215	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$700	$175	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$800	$200	$920	$230	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$760	$190	$890	$223	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$840	$210	$1010	$253	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$775	$194	$975	$244	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$880	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$880	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$700	$175	$830	$208	Good location in duplex	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1380	$345	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$540	$135	$660	$165	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1000	$250	$1140	$285	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$550	$110	$700	$140	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$700	$140	$880	$176	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	1	1320 6th St.	$820	$164	$995	$199	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$900	$180	$1080	$216	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$975	$195	$1175	$235	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$600	$100	$780	$130	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,000	$167	$1200	$200	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,175	$195	$1385	$228	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1175	$195	$1375	$229	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
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Staying fun and competitive

Amy Stoegbauer

The club sports program on campus is very active; there are currently 17 clubs involved in the University Recreation Commission, which affects around 400 students.

Club sports are student run and each has a faculty or staff advisor who serves as a resource.

The executives of each sport meet once a month to discuss club growth and issues. The success of each club is based on student leadership, interest and involvement.

The College experience includes many things outside of education. Club sports gives students a chance to enhance their leadership skills and gain experience that will help them prepare for the professional world after graduation, according to Holly DeMarce, advisor of recreation commission.

Clubs give students a chance to get out and meet new people and provide students with a more well-rounded education. Being involved in different activites can also help students to learn better time-management skills.

"Planning meetings and events for the team has helped me to better organize other aspects of my college career," said Nick Buchholz, president of the water ski team.

All the club sports welcome anyone, regardless of his or her experience or ability. It is a great environment to learn a new sport or to continue interest in an activity without committing to the schedule of a varsity sport.

Ideas for new clubs can be submitted and more information can be found on the University Recreation Web page at: http://www.uwstout.edu/univrec/clubs.htm

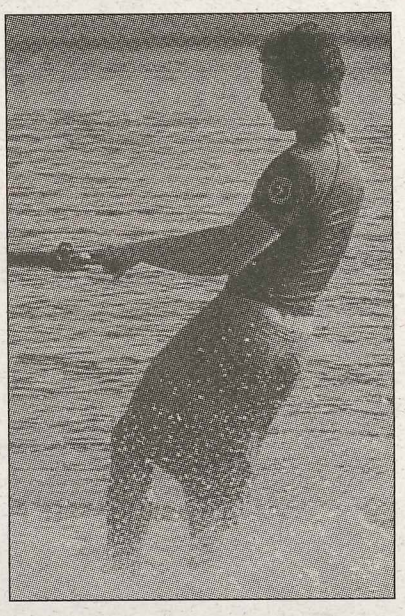


Photo courtesy of UW-Stout Waterski

Club sports give students a chance to meet new friends and still be competitve in their favorite sports. There are currently 17 clubs which affect around 400 students on campus.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Laura Verdegan
Track

Laura Verdegan went into the triple jump competition with a second place seed, but proved she was the best, by taking first place in the national indoor track championships.

Verdegan had a jump of 39 feet 7 inches; it was her first national title.

She also recieved all-american honors for the third time in the triple jump; she has six all-american awards overall.

Verdegan, a junior, has recieved an all-conference award for her efforts on the basketball court this year for the Blue Devils.

She led the conference in steals and blocks.

The Facts:

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Won the national title in the triple jump.



Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performance by a UW-Stout athlete.

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Fun in the Flordia sun

Tim Krueger

Willfully deciding to camp outside within reach of alligators durin their mating season would be something better left to the Discovery Channel, or Steve Irwin, the infamous "Crocodile Hunter".

Even though it leans toward the insane, 13 Universtiy of Wisconsin-Stout students decided to add this, along with some other non-standard protocol, to their spring break repertoire.

Escaping the standard debauchery of an MTV-style spring break, the group set out for a 1,300-mile road trip and seven days of paddling in the Gulf of Mexico.

Many members of the group had never paddled a kayak before, and the first day consisted of instruction on various methods of paddling, along with techniques for safety and rescue in case of capsizing.

Cape San Blas was the first destination; the group paddled out to its backcountry primitive campsite on the tip of the penins.

Even though properly defined as a peninsula, the word penins was created as a descriptor of this beautiful white sand beach.

Continuing the semi-circumnavigation of the penins, the group braved high seas the next day on the gulf side of the cape, some learning how to ride the waves, while others were simply trying to hold down their lunch.



Photo Courtesy of Tim Krueger

The Stout Adventures crew had a blast on their spring break. The students went to Cape San Blas for seven days of paddleing in the Gulf of Mexico.

"It was a rush," said Alicia Lano, an undecided freshman, "an outdoor adventure that I had not yet discovered."

While she also enjoyed having dolphins swimming around close by, she said the most memorable part of the trip for her was "Bzzzz," as she breaks out in a maniacal laughter.

The rest of the group still has no idea what that means, but she seems to enjoy it.

A complete circumnavigation of the St. Vincent Wildlife Refuge was the destination for the second half of the trip.

The locals told the group not to stop on the wildlife refuge's bayou, as alligators can be very territorial and aggressive this time of year. Amid the warnings of aggressive mating alligators, the group braved beautiful 80 degree days on the beach with perfect blue skies.

"I really enjoyed the sunrises and sunsets," said Eric Albers, a senior in service management.

Like a pictoral out of a tropical paradise brochure, the climate could not have been more inviting for the small tribe of outdoor enthusiasts.

"Be a traveler, not a tourist," is a mantra that Jeff Keenan, a freshman in hotel, restaurant and tourism management uses as a guide for his experiences.

"Directing traffic was fun," said Keenan, who was in charge of makeing sure passing vehicles did not hit group members as they changed the multiple blown trailer tires.

Sub-standard equipment aside, he believes Stout Adventures has proven once again, that you can in fact have an enjoyable spring break without radio deejays screaming about six feet of foam for "Spring Break 2004!"

Dotson to play in semi-pros

Ryan Wessley

When the phone rings, you never know who will be on the other end of the line.

In the past days, former Blue Devil goalie Jeff Dotson received a call from the head coach of the Gwinnett Gladiators, from Duluth, Ga.

The Gladiators is a farm team for the National Hockey League, the Atlanta Thrashers. Dotson decided to drop the classes he was enrolled in this spring and head south to pursue his hockey dream.

The Gwinnett Gladiators is a part of the ECHL, which is a part of the Premier "AA" Web site of the NHL.

"It was a very hard decision to leave school and head for the next level," said Dotson.

Dotson played 48 college games at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, with a record of 16-23-1, totaling 1,449 saves and a goalie saving percentage of .906.

This past season Dotson had an outstanding year by being honored for the first team All-Conference.

"I feel blessed for the opportunity and the support from UW-Stout and my teammates wishing me the best in the future," said Dotson.

Dotson has already left for Georgia, getting a chance to play in a brand new ice-hockey rink with the Gladiators.

Dotson says the new facility is supposed to look like the Atlanta Thrashers arena.

There will be a tremendous change in audience attendance, facilities, fans and many other new endeavors that he will encounter in the future.

After finishing out the remainder of the season with the Gladiators, Dotson will finish his spring semester at UW-Stout in the summer.

If Dotson plays well the remainder of the season, he will hopefully make the AHL Chicago Wolves team for the next season, and someday make it to the NHL.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Jeff Dotsons has left school to play semi-pro in Georgia.

BLUE Scoreboard DEVIL

Baseball

Stout	Trinity University
2	3

0-4 Overall

Next Game: March 21 vs. Bradley University



Softball

Stout	Waynesbug College
3	1

8-2 overall

Next Game: Simpson College tournament, March 20-21.

Women's Track & Field

5th place in NCAA indoor track & field championships



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Intramural sports are a way for students to relieve stress as work piles up. The latest sport to gain popularity is dodgeball.

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The newspaper by the students for the University of Wisconsin-Stout community

Referendum to be held for UC

Crystal Miller

Should the University of Wisconsin-Stout be a member of United Council? This question is being asked now and will be answered by the student body on Thursday, April 8.

Out of 23 Wisconsin universities involved in United Council, UW-Stout is one of three that is not currently a member. UW-Whitewater and UW-Richland are also not members.

In November 2000, UW-Stout resigned its membership because student leaders believed United Council failed to represent the views of the students, was not a credible organization and formed biased interpretations of student initiatives.

"United Council has, at times, taken stances on issues that do not directly affect students; their student members have become more politically active," said David Hay, president of the Stout Student Association (SSA). "Also, some United Council staff members have been known to use questionable campaign tactics when holding campus referendums."

However, Hay believes there would be no disadvantage to students at UW-Stout.

United Council members would like UW-Stout to rejoin, citing that the organization has grown over the years.

"I think that's what was lacking when Stout pulled out: direction," said Stephanie Hilton, academic affairs director for United Council. "I think Stout coming back in would reunify that."

On March 2, SSA elected to hold a referendum to permit the student body to decide whether or not UW-Stout will obtain a membership to United Council.

On March 23, SSA resolved to encourage the student body to again vote "no" on the upcoming referendum. According to the resolution, SSA "believes that United Council has acted outside of their mission as a student advocacy and research organization."

"Individual [SSA] members feel strongly about whether we should or shouldn't become a member of United Council, but all understand the need to give the student body a choice, via the referendum," Hay said.

"United Council is Wisconsin's only statewide student association," Hay said, noting that they take stances on student issues and establish budget priorites.

"More important than taking the stances and formally establishing the priorities, United Council staff and students then routinely meet with the Board of Regents, the State Legislature and the Governor's Office," Hay added. "In Madison, United Council is seen as the voice

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United Council

- **1960** United Council formed
- **1969** Wisconsin State University system merges with University of Wisconsin
- **1974** Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5)
- **2000** UW-Stout secede's from the United Council

$2 charge to all students if UW-Stout joins United Council

"The students of each institution or campus shall have the right to organize themselves in a manner they determine and to select their representatives to participate in institutional governance."

--Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5)

Currently represents 23 UW schools
Not including:
- UW-Stout
- UW-Whitewater
- UW-Richland

Professor charged in key fraud case

Amanda Herr

John Burningham, an associate professor of telecommunications systems, has been formally charged in the university master key fraud incident that took place between November 2003 and January 2004. During that time, police believe duplicate master keys were made to numerous rooms, labs and offices in campus buildings.

Burningham is accused of assisting two students, Chad Tomaszewski and Benjamin Franske, with making copies of master keys that could open doors in some residence halls and certain rooms in Bowman, Harvey and Fryklund Halls. Each student was charged with five counts of key fraud.

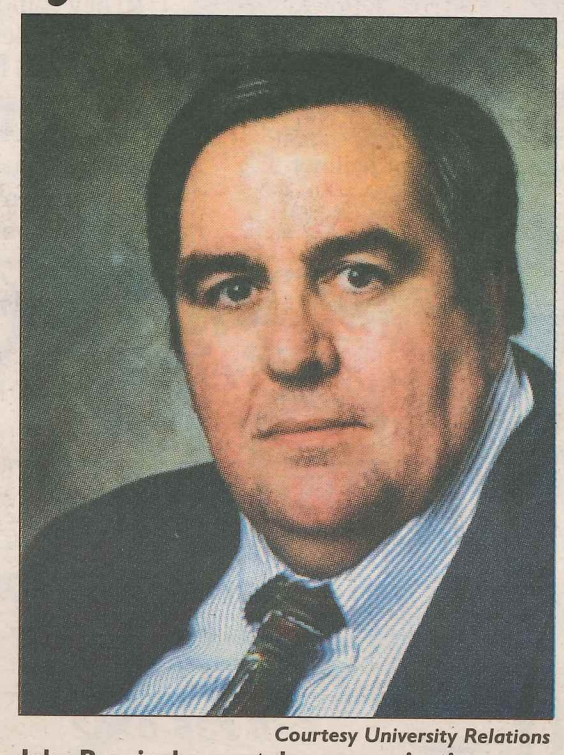
The students were charged with five counts of key fraud on December 17, 2003, and entered pleas on February 18. Franske entered a guilty/no contest plea to all counts and has paid a fine of $181 for each key. Tomaszewski pleaded not guilty and was due at the Dunn County Judicial Center on March 24 for a pre-trial conference.

Burningham is charged with a Class I felony of misconduct and acting in excess of his authority as an employee of the university. He is due in court for an initial appearance on April 13.

"We consider this to be a breach of security," said John Enger, director of university relations. "It is unacceptable for someone to fabricate keys in order to gain unauthorized access to university buildings. It is a very serious matter."

According to Enger, Burningham has been notified that the university

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Courtesy University Relations

John Burningham, a telecommunications professor, has been charge with Class I felony of misconduct for duplicating master keys.

Mission trip teaches students what it feels like to be in need

Tim Krueger

Having time off from school in the spring is often a time for students to let loose and join in the debauchery so commonly associated with the collegiate tradition. Newman Campus Ministry (NCM) believes that this time is better spent helping those in need.

Little did they know that they would be the ones in need after a car accident.

In the mid-90s, Time Magazine reported Lake Providence, La. as the poorest community in the country. This gathered the attention of the Holy Cross, a worldwide order of nuns based in Merrill, Wis.

Assembled by Sister Kathy Wiesneski of NCM, a group of six University of Wisconsin-Stout students traveled to Lake Providence to help out the families and individuals of the community.

NCM has performed many service trips, usually two per semester in the Minneapolis area, but the trip to Louisiana was its first long-distance trip.

"We are called to be servants of God," said Diana Krajewski, a senior in dietetics. "[I enjoy] seeing the expression on peoples' faces and knowing that you are connecting with them."

The group performed maintenance on 10 houses, fixing things such as a water heater falling through the floor, repainting an entire house, fixing windows and patching a hole in the floor of a kitchen that was three feet in diameter. Small businesses donated materials the group used for repair.

Armed with good intentions and hearts full of hope, the group was accomplishing their goal for the week and helping as many people as they could. Even with the power of God and their greatest desires to fuel them, they ended up being on the other side of need.

"[A local man] came back

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NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday: High 57° Low 51° Morning Showers
Saturday: High 60° Low 46° Thunder-storms
Sunday: High 62° Low 35° Cloudy/ Windy

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Police Beat



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Bad cooks in HKMC

The Menomonie Fire Department responded to a fire alarm in the basement of HKMC on March 17. Upon arrival, they found two pieces of steak cooking in a frying pan in the basement kitchen area. There was a considerable amount of smoke in the basement. The fire department ventilated the area and reset the alarm. They were unable to determine who was cooking.

Stolen car taken for joyride

A student reported on March 18 that someone had stolen her car the previous evening. The unknown parties involved crashed the car in St. Croix County. The student went to St. Croix County to retrieve her belongings and found all of her property had been removed. She contacted UW-Stout police in reference to her parking permit being stolen and requested a replacement to use in her rental car.

Funky odor in the library

Staff members of the Library Learning Center contacted police on March 18 about a strong odor in the library. The staff could not identify the odor. Interviewed students also reported that they had earlier smelled something in the library. Police were unable to smell the reported odor and advised the staff that they would check for it that night in a walk through the building.

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of students in Wisconsin, good or bad."

Hilton said, "It has now, in the past two years, really become the voice of UW schools. Becoming part of that network is really a priceless thing. Someday it would be my dream that all campuses would be part of United Council."

"Our students would be able to help shape the voice of United Council," Hay said. "We would again have the opportunity to make sure Stout's priorities are a part of the statewide student body's priorities.

"Additionally, United Council's paid staff members work year-round to stay up-to-date with new legislation, or new UW System initiatives. With the staff time and dollars dedicated to this research, there is simply no way for us, as a single institution, to replicate that service. United Council keeps all member campuses apprised of what's happening in the state."

The vote for or against joining United Council will be held on Thursday, April 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through the E-scholar portal.

If UW-Stout joins the United Council, there will be a mandatory refundable fee of $2.00 per student per semester; however, the fee is refundable upon request within the first 45 days of each semester for anyone who does not agree with what United Council does.

An open forum will be held in Ballroom C of the Memorial Student Center, Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. The forum will be an open discussion for the public to share their opinion and ask questions about United Council.

For more information on United Council, visit their Web site at http://www.unitedcouncil.net.

New read for Into the Book

Current freshmen choose 'Fahreheit 451' for incoming freshmen to read this summer

Chelsea Rickert

Last summer, incoming freshmen were required to purchase and read the book "Into the Wild" by Jon Krakauer and discuss it before classes started. The program is called Into the Book; freshmen English professors integrated the book into their curriculums.

"Into the Wild" is a true story about an intelligent, college-aged young man who gave up his materialistic life to live in the wilderness. His choices ultimately lead to his death in Denali National Park in Alaska.

"This book was chosen for its relevance to freshmen," said Michael Martin, an assistant professor of English who is also on the committee that selected the book. "It is about going out for the first time on your own – new starts."

Martin focused intensely on the book in his fall English 101 class. He tried to get students to understand Chris, the young man in the story. He found that some students held complimentary opinions about Chris and others held extremely negative viewpoints.

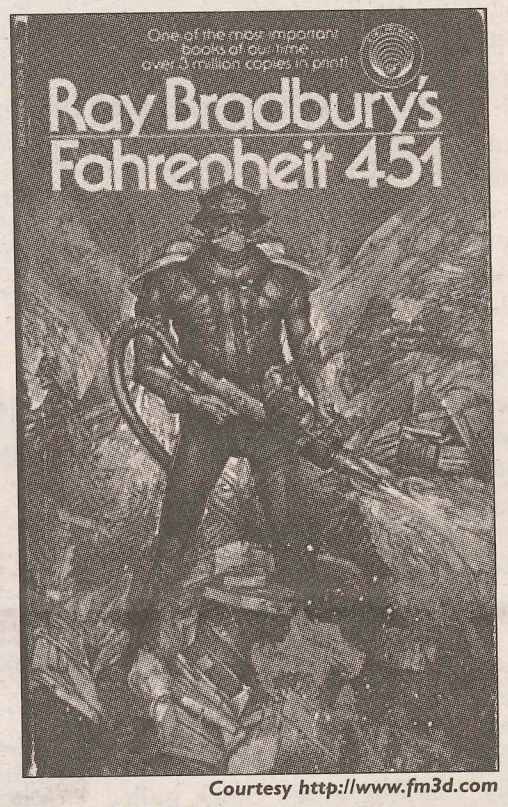
"They could not relate to the fact that he totally blew off his family," Martin said.

Now, with feedback from students in those classes, the committee has decided to keep the assignment but use a new book, "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury.

Martin enjoyed "Into the Book" in many ways, but is happy with the new selection lined up for next year's freshmen.

Although many incoming freshmen will have read "Fahrenheit 451" in high school, Jean-Marie Dauplaise, assistant professor of English, credits the book as valid for new college minds.

"'Fahrenheit 451' addresses college-level issues that students may have not addressed in high school," said Dauplaise, who is also on the committee. Some of these issues include the Patriot Act, censorship and the power and influence of the media.



Courtesy http://www.fm3d.com

Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 will be the new required reading for freshmen.

Into the Book was created for two reasons: to give new freshmen a common ground with one another as they adapt to their new surroundings and introduce them to a higher-level of thinking they may be not used to.

Students in Dauplaise's fall English 101 classes influenced the new selection for Into the Book by writing proposals to the committee.

Sam Tribby, a freshman in hospitality and tourism management, was a student of Dauplaise's last fall. He chose "Fahrenheit 451" for its political issues and relevance in today's society.

"I think that incoming freshmen should be aware of political issues, especially in the fall of election year," Tribby said. "If you're in college, you should have a desire to acquire and obtain knowledge."

Nick Tempelis, a freshman in packaging, also participated in the assignment that helped convince the committee to choose "Fahrenheit 451."

Tempelis believes the novel will teach students to cherish their abilities and learn to think for themselves. He did not like "Into the Wild" because of it's inconsistent timeline and the lack of a "hook."

"'Fahrenheit 451' has a lot better imagery and it's a more interesting read," Tempelis said. He believes students will enjoy this book.

"People who read are people who think," said English department chair Michael Levy. "We live in a world with powerful organizations and people who don't want us to think very much. People who think are dangerous to the people who have the power."

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Ministry / Accident turned the tables on La. mission

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and said that Sister Kathy was in a wreck," said Nicholas Gisch, a senior in manufacturing engineering. "We couldn't believe it, but we heard lots of police running around."

The poverty-stricken neighborhood was so poor that they were not able to replace a sun-bleached stop sign. Unable to see the sign, Wiesneski drove through the intersection and was hit broadside by a large truck.

"Our focus for the week was to help people that were more vulnerable and helpless, but I didn't have much appreciation for what they were going through," said Collette Pilon, a senior in psychology. "When I was in the accident, I was suddenly put into this situation where I was completely vulnerable, and I didn't know what it was like to be in that situation."

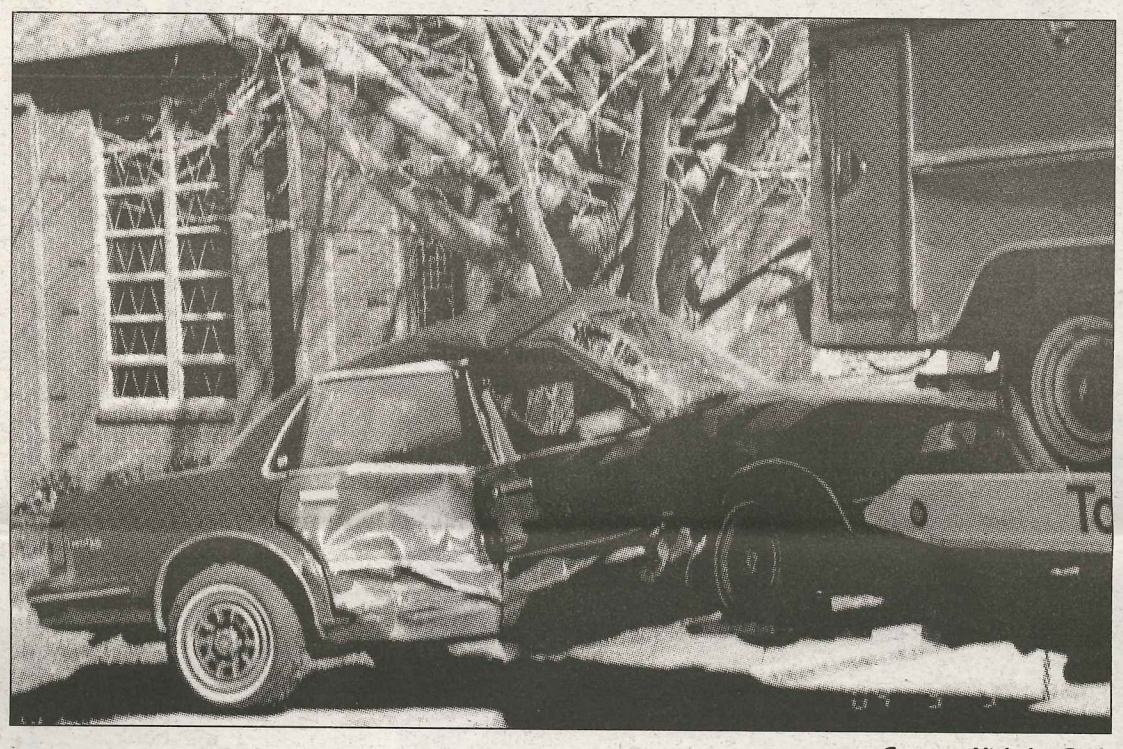
All four passengers were taken to a local hospital. Two of the students were released with minor injuries. Pilon was in the hospital for three days with internal problems and Wiesneski remains in the hospital with a broken hip.

"When it came to the accident, so many people came around to help us," said Lori Jonas, a junior in engineering technology.

Being on the opposite side of need gave the group a new outlook on its purpose.

Pilon said, "Even though we got into the accident and it changed the week, it was still the best experience of my life."





Courtesy Nicholas Gisch

A group of Newman Campus Ministry (NCM) students and the Holy Cross order of nuns traveled to Louisiana over spring break to help a poor community. Four members were injured in a car accident. Sister Kathy Wiesneski of NCM is still in the hospital with a broken hip.

Keys / Charges filed

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intends to seek termination of his employment. He is currently suspended from the university with pay – the only option the university has until the termination process is complete.

Burningham will have a campus hearing on the termination notice through the Faculty Committee on Termination in early April.

Officials were tipped off to these actions by a resident advisor (RA) and hall director in Wigen Hall, where Tomaszewski lived. The RA, Carrie Bloom, noticed Tomaszewski opening a door to a room that was not his.

Burningham was also observed opening many doors in Harvey and Fryklund Halls. He explained to a student, Tonya Namtzu, that he knew how to make keys to the rooms.

According to the complaint, Tomaszewski and Franske had conversations with Burningham on how the university's master key system worked and how to duplicate keys. Burningham advised the students on how to make master keys by looking at key cylinders.

Franske had bought a key machine and was making most of the keys in his room or at a lab in Fryklund Hall.

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Gay marriage still under debate

Some states consider constitutional amendments banning same-sex unions

Tim Krueger

As gay marriage has become the hot political debate of the month, both sides of the spectrum have been working hard to gain a greater footing for their side of the issue.

President Bush has said that he wants to pass a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages, at the same time the city of San Francisco, Calif. has begun issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, with approximately 3,500 couples taking advantage thus far.

Certain counties in Oregon are following suit and have recently begun performing the marriages. Due to this, one county in Oregon banned all marriages, heterosexual and homosexual until they can come to an agreement on what should be done.

"The Campus Crusade does not take a stance on political issues," said Pete Theobald, president of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Campus Crusade for Christ. "We do not want to divide the population because Jesus died for every one of us."

Theobald added that we should love everyone equally, and Christianity should not selectively condemn any group as some religious organizations have done.

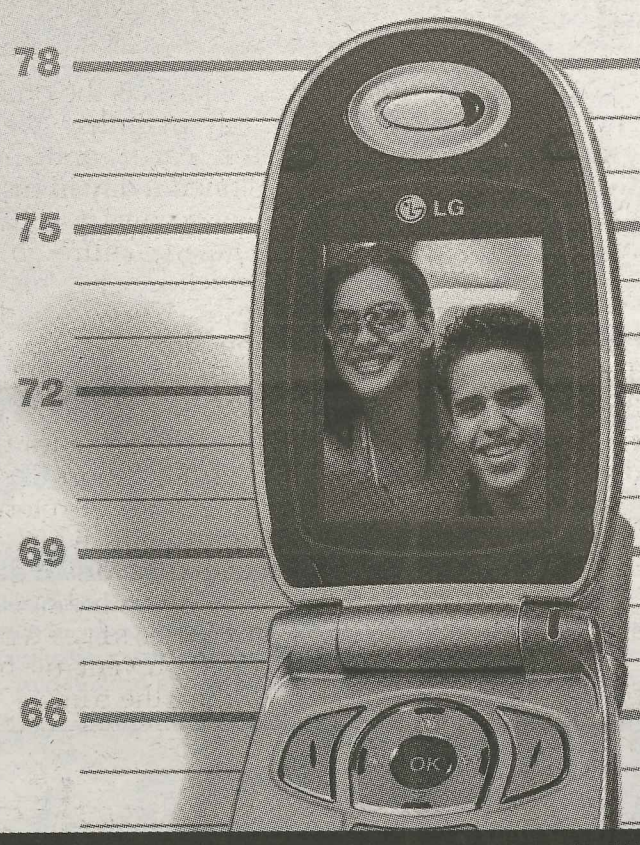
Wisconsin's bill to ban same-sex marriages is still working its way through the system. Several weeks ago, gay and lesbian couples in six Wisconsin cities applied for marriage licenses to raise awareness of the issue and protest the bill that would prevent marriage or civil unions of same-sex couples in Wisconsin.

"There are already gay and lesbian couples that have children through adoption, artificial insemination or from previous heterosexual relationships, so the issue of marriage is more of a political issue," said Dale Hawley, associate professor of human development and family studies. "This will not change the number of gay and lesbian relationships, so it is more a matter of civil rights."

The 10 Percent Society, UW-Stout's organization for gays, lesbians and supporters did not return any requests for comment.

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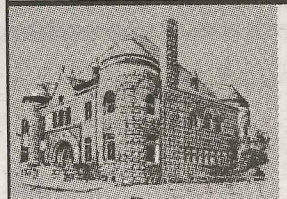
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Weekdays

Why do we insist on having more weekdays than weekends?

What exactly is the Bible?



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

The Bible is the single most controversial book ever written. Do you ever wonder why we have such controversy over a book that was written so long ago? The Bible is so offensive to unbelievers because it challenges their morals and beliefs.

The Bible is a record of a series of events that took place before and after Jesus Christ's birth. It is the stories that have been passed down from those who were there.

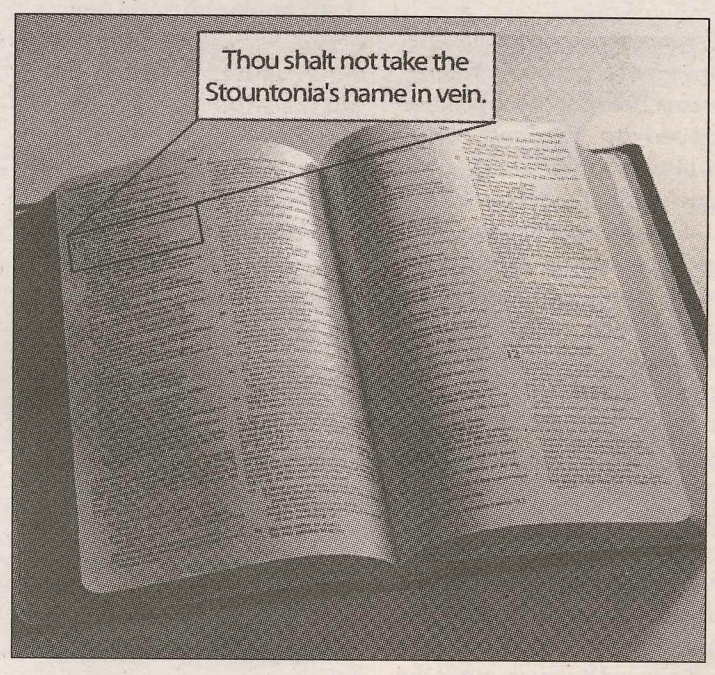
The variations in stories within the Bible are not contradictory. Take for instance the story of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John told this same story in their own words. That doesn't mean that they each saw something completely different.

It's really no different than witnesses reporting on a car accident. Facts stated differently don't mean the event didn't happen. Don't we find it odd when each person involved tells the exact same story?

If seeing is believing, then why do we say the Bible isn't true? Who are we to say that what those people saw isn't what really happened? Why are we trying to discredit something that has been proved valid?

The Bible is meant to teach us just as our textbooks do, based on past events that have been recorded. The Bible is a document created to pass on the inspired word of God, from generation to generation, in hopes that we will live by the principles we are taught through Christ's example.

Whether or not you want to admit it, the Bible has instilled morals in us that have been reiterated through the laws of today. Without these morals and laws, the world as we know it would be complete chaos.



As our history has shown, we have been gradually drifting further and further into chaos as we losen our morals. What, then, does our future hold?

Yet, who among us can remain true to God's Ten Commandments for the duration of our physical life? Humans simply don't want to give up their wants and desires.

We challenge you to look at the Bible, as it's meant to be seen - as principles to live by; God's will intended to protect us from harm.

Jesus is the one and only man that walked the earth and never sinned a day in his life. God knows it is part of human nature to sin, which is why his son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross to save us from our sins. What a price to pay for the people not living for God.

Life is short in comparison to an eternity. Figure out what you believe before it's too late. We truly hope our religiousfreedoms don't prevent us from finding the truth.

Fire and brimstone for one and all



MUPPETLOGIC
Tim Krueger

The mainstream news media has painted a picture of an America that is fiercely divided, with every person taking an extremist stance for one side or the other.

Sure, extremists and fundamentalists are entertaining, but rarely the zeitgeist of the nation. What I see is a nation of respectful individuals who understand that they should not be pressing their wills upon others. I see people with respect for each other, and respect for the Constitution.

The religious right seems to have lost the idea of respect. They continually condemn gay marriage, stating that the Bible explicitly forbids it, as if the Bible was the be-all-and-end-all of moral judgment.

Well, the Bible also states "Marriage shall not impede a man's right to take multiple concubines in addition to his wife or wives." (II Sam. 5:13; I Kings 11:3; II Chron. 11:21).

How about this one, my favorite; "If a married man dies without children, his brother shall marry the widow. If he refuses to marry his brother's widow or deliberately does not give her children, he shall pay a fine of one shoe and be otherwise punished in a manner to be determined by law." (Gen. 38:6-10; Deut. 25:5-10).

Our completely omniscient, omnipotent and otherwise perfect President Bush has even stated that he plans to create law to ban all gay marriage, based on his faith. Freedom of religion also means freedom from religion, in that no person of the United States should be forced to do, or not to do, any action based on another's religion. Being the great defender that he claims to be, maybe he should start with the First Amendment.

Pastor Fred Phelps, the evil bastard that has picketed the funerals of gay people killed in hate crimes, is also the operator of www.godhatesfags.com. Take a look around, Pastor Phelps proposes that we erect monuments of condemnation for Matthew Shepard and also thinks that we should immediately enact a law against "being gay"(sic), punishable by death. Yes, it is true, this man has no soul.

The religious right has promised that by allowing gay marriage, we will be angering God, and therefore bringing his wrath upon us.

Well, it has been over a month since the marriages started, and I still see birds singing outside. Where is my damned fire and brimstone? An apocalypse would sure be a great vacation from schoolwork right now. Sure would be grand to melt the snow too.

While I condemn the actions of these few, I understand that not all Christians feel this way. In fact, I see almost none of them feeling this way, myself included. It just happens to be our "shock and awe" media chooses to cover-the most ridiculous and entertaining ideas they can find.

Through some weird coincidence, our fraudulently elected leader is part of this backwards interpretation of faith.

If a pastor can feel free enough to interpret the Bible as a literature of hate, and if the leader of the free world can choose to ignore the constitution of the free world, then we should have no problem granting unions to those who truly possess love.

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"Pumpkin Bread?"



RIGHT THERE
Rebecca Werner

One fine day my mother happened to be making banana bread when a relative stopped by. The busy baker hospitably offered the guest some warm, baked bread.

Upon ingestion he commented to my mother that the bread was delicious. She thanked him and gave him the reasons for her making banana bread that day. He stopped her mid-sentence and declared that it was not banana bread but rather pumpkin bread. Mother thought he was joking and laughingly replied that it was indeed banana bread. He argued with her about this and refused to even view the peels. Mother realized that nothing would change his mind and let the matter rest.

Often times, people can be like this. They make decisions based solely upon stubborn pride. Even when evidence is offered, they refuse to examine it and stick to their close-minded ideas, rejecting all logic.

Elections in America tend to be propelled by this "banana bread logic." It seems to be more of a popularity contest rather than a true competition of wisdom and integrity. We the people as a whole tend to gain the majority of our information about candidates from hearsay or the media.

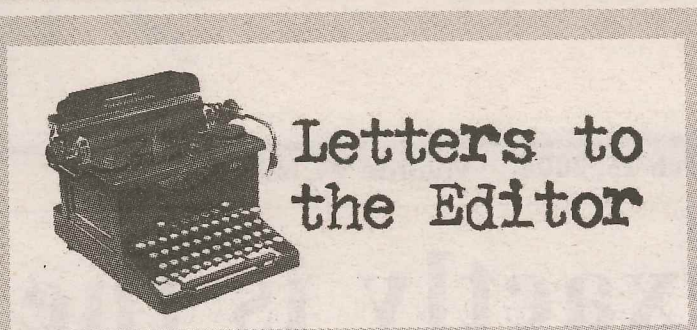
Because of that, I do not feel that the lay public should have a direct influence on who occupies the Oval Office. However, I believe that we should elect officials whom we trust to represent us the best and will vote for the most qualified. Thankfully, that is how our system works.

This may seem unfair since the electors need to abide by our "democracy," which means the majority wins. But we need to remember that we directly vote in the senators, representatives and governor. These are people who live in our neighborhood and whose children we go to class with.

These are people that we relatively know and trust.

Therefore, if the information they know directs them to defy our wishes for our own good, we must trust that it was done with good reason.

You see, we might think that we are eating pumpkin bread, but until the cook's assistant tells us otherwise, we have erred. That is why it is best to leave the final say to someone we trust.



One Source: Brian Legg

Call it biased, and call it an insult to intelligent debate. You can call it whatever you want, Brian, but you're still wrong.

What you're failing to mention due to a total lack of perception, is that society, and the entire western culture, is based off of the Bible. Explain to me, Judas, what is so biased about "Thou shalt not bear false witness", or "Do unto others as you would have them do to you". Sorry, but I don't see any bias there, buddy.

Where I do see bias, is when self proclaimed liberals, like yourself, have no problem bashing Christianity, but are the first to stand up for the Torah or Koran. So ok, Mohammed, take the Bible away. What do you have? Saudi Arabia? Afghanistan? Indonesia? Sudan? Yeah, Brian, life is good there. Bash the major religion in one of those countries, and you'll be executed.

Basically, Ayn Rand, what I'm trying to say is that America is based on the Christian religion. If you don't like it, there's still one last atheist paradise out there. It's called North Korea.

Karl Dodge
St. Paul College
Pipefitting

Mr. Dodge,

Thank you for reading our college newspaper. I'm sorry to see that one of my writer's opinions pieces bothered you.

You state that the western civilization is based off of the Bible, but I would have to argue that statement. The Founding Fathers put restraints in place to separate the church and state. We are all Americans because our ancestors wanted the freedom to worship as they pleased.

So basing anything more than morals off of the Bible would have been against the nation's reasons for existing. Mr. Legg did not say he wanted to flee this country, he only asked for another source. By the way, you didn't list one.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Tying the Knot Article

Check your web. Lara Monk's article "Tying the knot now, not later" is titled "Tying the KNOW now, not later" on its web site.

As a newspaper writer and Stout graduate, I know how easily these stupid mistakes can happen. Just thought I'd let ya know.

Also, Amanda Herr's "FOB under investigation" article was very well done. Nothing too fancy and to the point. It's obvious she did a good job reporting.

Thanks
Jeff Jackson
UW-Stout Graduate

Desperately lowering standards



NEW RIGHTER
Michelle Erdmann

Standing at the bar listening to my friend talk about her non-existent love life was burning a hole in my ear and my heart. I felt sorry for the girl. What has this world come to when an intelligent, witty, blonde, with a great rack can't get a date?

As she talks, I can't help but think that her empty love life has caused her to subconsciously change her dating tactics. Usually her checklist of do's and dont's for a partner are substantially extensive, but lately her list has been getting shorter and shorter.

Her eyes no longer scan the room in a self-controlled, calm way. These days, her eyes seem strangely different; they are screaming for help. The verdict has been determined, and she is absolutely guilty of desperation.

Her standards for men have been thrown out the window of a speeding car. The worst part is that she hasn't tried to retrieve them. Unfortunately, you can't get pulled over and ticketed for desperation.

This illness has caused her to lower her standards to a state that is wading in muck. Right in front of me, I'm seeing a once classy, civilized young woman deteriorate into a starving animal, searching for a scrap of food. Suddenly, the mere sight of a male has her tongue wagging for just a taste.

Her mentality says, whether big, small, ugly or beautiful, if the species is male then I will take it. I find this amazing for a woman who in the past would only date men whose eyes were a certain shade of blue. She probably had the strongest morals of anyone I've ever met, and now she is practically waving her V-card in the air and announcing that it is for sale.

Watching a friend live such a pathetic lifestyle really makes me wonder. Why is it that at the time when her morals and standards were intact men were interested.

And now that her concepts of standards and morals have been thrown to the wind, the men are taking to the wind, too. Could it be that men do, in fact, sense desperation? Does desperation ooze from your pores telling the world that you will take whatever you can get? Perhaps the smell of desperation is similar to when a person wears too much of a bad perfume. I think it all boils down to the fact that people want what they can't have.

When my friend was picky about who she dated, the men would stare her down as she walked by their table. Yet now that she is willing to compromise and accept a man with a massive mole on his right cheek or a sick fetish, they don't raise their eyes from the woodwork to even take a glance and give her a chance.

I watch her walk confidently to a table of cocky jocks and ask, "Boys who's buying me a drink?" and think to myself, desperation has helped her to handle rejection and to be more open with strangers. But like they say, every upside has a down. Overall, I think it is wonderful that she has lowered her standards from impossible heights.

However, I am not glad that they are sinking into the ground faster than quick sand. We shouldn't be asking the question which is the better lifestyle, being desperate or picky. Instead we should be asking whatever happened to the happy medium.

"Just write something"



JUST SENSE
Brian Legg

Everyone should write something down everyday. There is something about writing down what you think or feel that is hard to describe.

When I write my column, I'm trying to express an opinion and convince not just you the reader, but also myself that it is valid and worthwhile. Beyond that, writing down my beliefs forces me to own up to the reasons I hold them. I couldn't just write some ridiculous point, not back it up with evidence and expect it to pass my editor's desk.

When writing, I have the ability to fully edit the statements and to actually have my own ideas staring back at me. Sometimes it is tough to realize just how foolish something is until it is outside of the brain. If more people wrote down their beliefs, instead of just holding them, it would force them to figure out the reasons behind those beliefs. Racism, homophobia and other generalizing beliefs tend to stem from illogical reasons like misunderstanding or simple naïveté.

I challenge a reader who holds a negative opinion of an entire group to write down exactly how they feel about that group and why. Do it. Write I hate ____ because ____. Now stare at it, and see if it really adds up. Does it apply to all people of that group or just certain members with whom you've shared a bad experience?

But writing doesn't always need to confront negative thoughts and feelings. Is there something you really want to do? Write it down and all the things you can do to make it happen. This will not only motivate you, it will also serve as a guide of action.

Is there someone or something you really love? Write down all the reasons why you feel that way, and you'll gain an even greater appreciation of that person or thing. If you've got nothing else to write about, write down exactly how you feel. Not the "fine" or "good" you tell acquaintances as you pass them in public, but really describe your status. Write down the things causing you to feel the way you do and the things you can do to elevate your state of being.

The beauty of writing is that it is a record of now, but it can be ripped up and replaced. So grab that pen or hop on the keyboard, and just make some words. Say something whether it's profound, funny or nonsense. It is your right. Write for your right to write.

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STOUTONIA ♥ 1990s



SPACEDOUT
Chelsea Rickert

1995 heralded many a tragic event: the Oklahoma City bombing, the paralysis of Christopher Reeve and the death of Selena, just to name a few.

It seemed the United States was going to hell, but there were other not-so-tragic occurrences that helped shape our lives today: the birth of Sony Play Station, the first lesbian super group the Spice Girls, awesome music and the Galileo Space Probe.

OJ Simpson's trial has been deemed the "Trial of the Century," in grand tradition of the pathetic decrease in American interest—a real life soap opera. One hundred million people viewed the televised trial from the comfort of their own homes. Of course we all know how he allegedly killed his wife and her friend and how "the glove didn't fit." OJ was found not guilty on October 3, 1995.



On April 19th, around 9 a.m., parents dropped their children off for day care. A massive bomb inside a moving van parked on the basement level deck of the Murrah Federal Building exploded, killing and wounding many.

Timothy McVeigh, 27, was pulled over 90 minutes later for driving without a license plate, which lead to his and ex-Army buddy Terry Nichols' arrest and charge for the bombing.

Susan Smith had a mental breakdown and drowned her kids in her car, only to cover up her lie by publicly pleading for her missing children to an imaginary car thief. It was said to be a very sickening ruse to gain the affections of a man who didn't want kids. Smith's trial was not televised and she was quickly found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. She is eligible for parole in 30 years.

It was the deadliest heat wave in Chicago's history.

The summer of 1995's record high temperatures claimed the lives of 592 people in Chicago. Record temperatures were set from Los Angeles to Philadelphia. In Denver, athletes at the U.S. Olympic Festival faced 99 degree temperatures. Two sprinters were hospitalized due to the heat. Temperatures in Phoenix soared to 121 degrees, beating the July record.

In August, Jerry Garcia (guitarist of Grateful Dead, 53) died of a heart attack at a residential drug treatment center. He added himself to the ever-growing list of burnt-out musicians who died from after-effects of tokeing up.

Okay, enough with the depressing stuff! Let's get on with the happier stuff, namely the U.S.'s Galileo space probe accomplishment. The 750-pound Galileo space probe parachuted into Jupiter's gaseous atmosphere December 8. The probe's radio had begun relaying precious data to the mother ship several thousand miles overhead, sending very useful information to NASA, some 3.6 billion miles away.

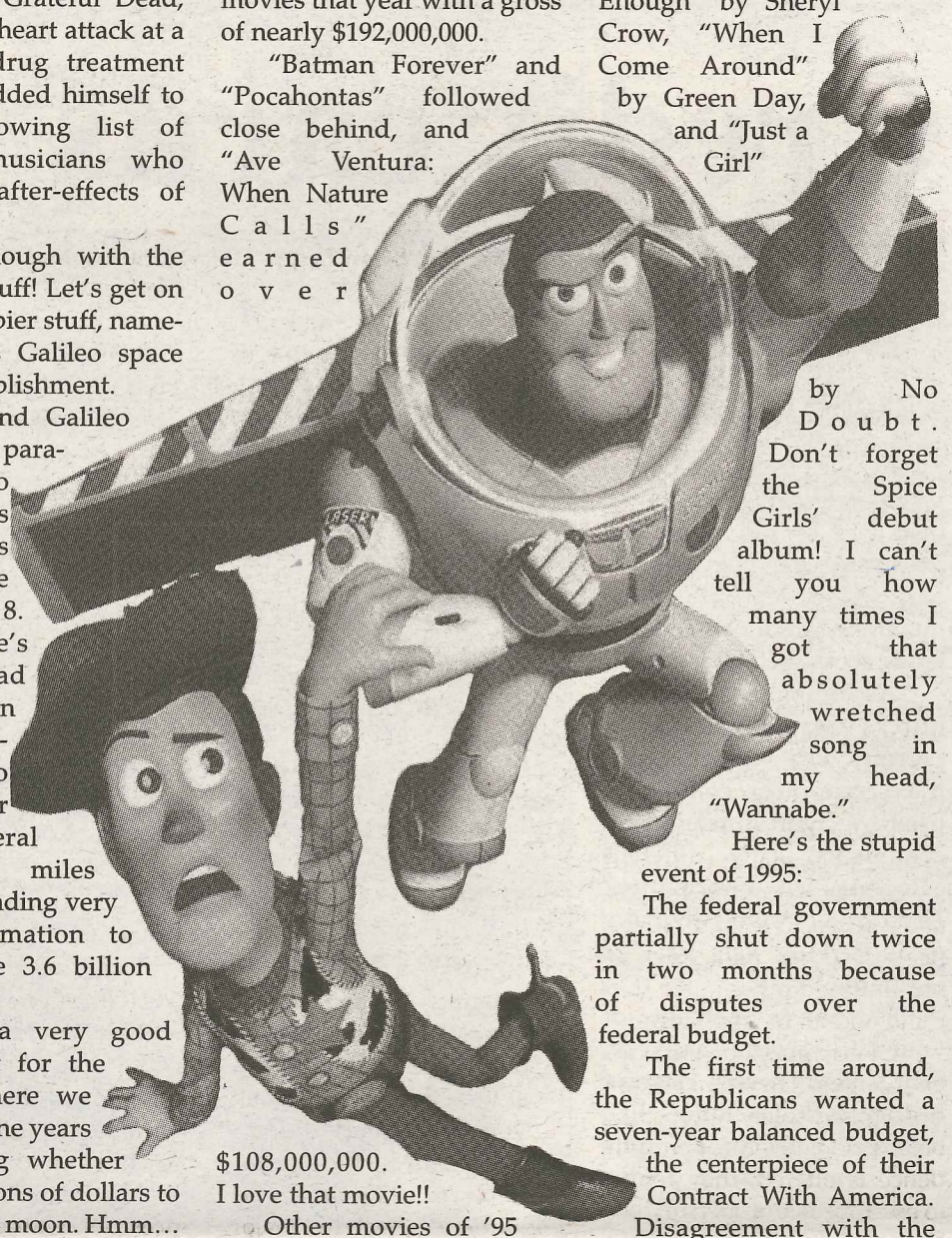
It was a very good advancement for the U.S. ...yet here we are, almost nine years later, debating whether to spend billions of dollars to go back to the moon. Hmm...

Windows 95 debuts with all it's nice advances in communications and causes for Prozac. Although Windows 95 was crap according to today's standards, it enabled thousands to boot up and connect to others around the United States and the world.

And what about the entertainment industry's contribution to 1995? Great movies and awesome music were made that year.

Disney and Pixar made computer effects history by creating the first full-length movie made entirely by computer animation. "Toy Story" debuted in 1995 and was the most popular of movies that year with a gross of nearly $192,000,000.

"Batman Forever" and "Pocahontas" followed close behind, and "Ave Ventura: When Nature Calls" earned over $108,000,000. I love that movie!!



Other movies of '95 include "Crimson Tide" and "Die Hard: With a Vengeance" (which, ironically, I'm watching right now as I write this). Go Bruce Willis!

Pierce Brosnan became James Bond for the first time in "Golden Eye." He's a very hot James Bond, second only to Sean Connery. *drool*

1995 was the year I really started getting in to music, and many of my favorite, dearest songs come from this year. Popular songs, according to Billboard, were:

The number one song of the year was "Buddy Holly" by Weezer. Close behind it were the songs "Name" by the Goo Goo Dolls, "Good" by Better than Ezra, "Strong Enough" by Sheryl Crow, "When I Come Around" by Green Day, and "Just a Girl" by No Doubt. Don't forget the Spice Girls' debut album! I can't tell you how many times I got that absolutely wretched song in my head, "Wannabe."

Here's the stupid event of 1995:

The federal government partially shut down twice in two months because of disputes over the federal budget.

The first time around, the Republicans wanted a seven-year balanced budget, the centerpiece of their Contract With America. Disagreement with the Clinton administration led to the furlough of nearly 800,000 federal employees.

Only a few weeks after the first partial shutdown, parts of government had to close again. This time, the quibbling was over which agency's financial forecasts to use for drafting a budget plan and how to distribute the cuts. The result: 260,000 workers idled at home, spending Christmas with no paychecks, while holiday sight-seers confronted "closed" signs at national parks and museums.

After a while you just have to break it



NICEPANTS
Matt Shubbe

The other day, as I was slouching on the couch and watching re-runs of "Match Game" on the Game Show Network, I was contemplating the nature of relaxing.

I was thinking to myself that since I've been back from Spring Break I've been skimping on my daily allotted relaxation time. I have my mid-program review coming up, and in between getting ready for that and doing my regular homework, I have had zero time to sit around, and that just cannot stand.

But then my mind harkened back to the carefree week of Spring Break. That's the last time I can really remember having entire days when I had absolutely no responsibilities, and then it hit me: Spring Break is some kind of Bermuda Triangle for takin' it easy.

After that epiphany I began to devise one of the best plans I have ever constructed. By simply observing my behavior over Spring Break, and compiling it into a compendium of sorts I could truly be relaxin' to the max. But before I get ahead of myself, I'm well aware that Spring Break was a full 2 weeks ago, but there was so much data to edit and record in my secret lab at NASA, that the delay was inevitable.

To start off, this technique will basically double, give the illusion of doubling, a person sitting around time making 24 hours equal to 48, and so on. It starts rather simply, with setting one's alarm. Waking up at a certain time to do nothing is key to setting off the chain of events that will double relaxation time, so simply set your alarm for what I have deemed "Fun O'clock". When is Fun O'clock, you ask? Its simple, Fun O'clock is noon, or any time after if you prefer.

Waking up this late gives the illusion that you've already been sleeping for almost an entire day, so you feel like you have the whole rest of another day to lay around. Smart, huh?

The next phase is eating. If you raid the cupboards at your house, you're almost certain to find several bags of chips that are only partially gone. Simply take off all of the chip clips and pour all of these bags into one huge bowl. Then try to eat everything in the bowl. Go ahead, try it. If you eat out of this veritable trough with the TV on at the same time, I guarantee you can do it.

With the TV on constantly, and with as much channel surfing as possible, your perception of time will become so skewed you won't know how long its been. Now its time to return back to sleep, but don't go to your bed. You might walk by a clock if you do that, and the illusion will be ruined.

Simply throw your chip-trough on the floor, pull a blanket over yourself and drift off to sleep with the TV's glow as a night light. There, easy. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to go make a chip-trough of my own. Do Gardetto's count as chips?

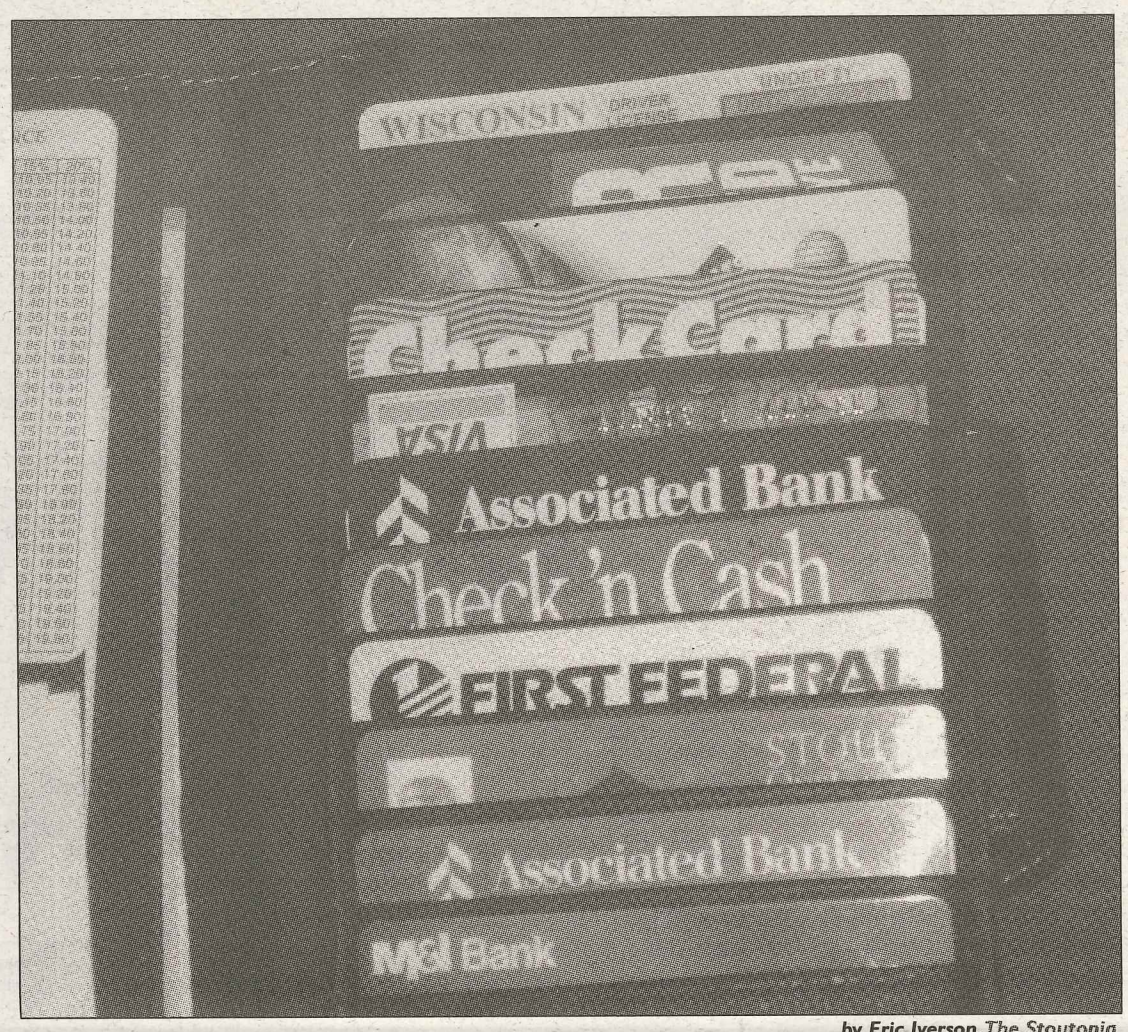
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Credit cards for dummies

Lindsey Schuldt



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Credit can be a confusing subject. A FICO score, which is a compilation of payment history, amounts paid, length of credit history, new credit and types of credit, is what is used by most credit bureaus.

Millions of college students all over America are doing their best to pay off their acquired debt. Meanwhile, credit card companies everywhere are doing their best to sell cards that may or may not help students with their debt. But how much do students actually know about their own credit?

According to the website http://www.myfico.com, a person's FICO credit score, the score most commonly used by credit bureaus, is a compilation of five different categories of information. FICO scores were originally developed by Fair Issac & Co. in the 1950's.

Thirty-five percent of your FICO score is based on your payment history. Payment history includes things like different types of accounts used (credit cards, loans, etc.), whether a person has ever had problems with paying on time in the past and how delinquent these payments were.

The second biggest part of a person's FICO score is the amounts paid, which accounts for 30 percent of the score. Fifteen percent of the score is based on the length of one's credit history, and the last 20 percent is split in half and accounted for by new credit (such as recently opened accounts) and different types of credit used (number of different accounts one has).

"Clout Visa is a credit card company designed to help students to gain a credit history," said Janet Jonston, a Clout Visa customer service representative. "The interest rate on the card cannot be changed because it is designed to help first time credit card holders gain credit. Because most students have never had credit cards before, they are more of a risk for the company to take on." Clout Visa offers an interest rate of 18.99 percent on all purchases.

Items that are not included in a FICO score are race, age, religion, gender, marital status, place of residence or employment information. It is strictly a score based on one's credit report.

A fallacy about credit is that lenders (including credit card companies and banks) only look at a person's FICO score.

Credit lenders actually look at a variety of items including the amount of debt they believe a person can handle with the income they bring in every year.

Another fallacy is that bad credit will haunt a person forever. A person's credit report will show mostly recent information, so over time, bad credit can slowly be erased.

"I could never get credit cards before college," said Allyson Saurer, a sophomore majoring in business management. "Now they won't leave me alone. It's annoying getting phone calls and junk mail."

One of the last fallacies about credit is that one's FICO score will drop every time a person applies for new credit. It does show that multiple requests for a credit inquiry have been used, which may indicate a higher risk to the lender. However, it will not hurt one's credit unless one accepts all of the new offers and misuses the credit given.

"A friend of mine maxed her card out within a couple months," said Tina Jones, an undecided freshman. "She had to leave school and everything. It was such a stupid thing because she thought she could just repay the card back when she had the money instead of when the bills came."

According to a recent study done by the Credit Education Bureau, of the 78 percent of students who have credit cards, the average student has three different cards. The average debt for an American college student is $2,748.

"If you can't pay for what you buy then you shouldn't be buying it anyway," Jones said.

Exploring academic organizations

Marta Peters

Creating outstanding resumes, finding internships, attending conferences and making good friends. What do these things have in common? They all describe the experience of being a member of an academic organization.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, one can be a part of more than 120 organizations. Many are academic organizations that are geared towards a specific major or are primarily geared towards gaining post graduation knowledge before one actually goes out into the "real world."

Not quite sure where to start looking or why someone should even attempt to join such a group? First of all, every major within the university has at least one academic society—if not more—that any student can opt to join. The only criteria, according to the university website: http://www.uwstout.edu/student/#ac is that each student in an organization maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 during his or her involvement.

Secondly, and most importantly, becoming a member of any academic organization that coincides with one's degree has enormous advantages both during and after one's college career.

"There are so many benefits from being part of an academic organization," said Tiffany Bockhop, a senior technical communication major. "I have learned a great deal about the field I am going into. I have learned of internships, met actual working people in the field, learned new software programs and made many friendships along the way."

Bockhop is part of the Society for Technical Communication (STC), which currently has 25 members. While this may seem small in comparison to many of UW-Stout's other academic organizations, Bockhop noted that their chapter is one of the largest in the nation.

Many other academic organizations on campus have 30 or more members with these numbers, depending on the number of people that are majoring in a certain career.

One of the biggest advantages of academic organizations is meeting directly with people in an occupation that a student wants to pursue after graduation. Many of these professionals are met during conferences, alumni dinners and internships.



by Amy Kryzenske, The Stoutonia

There are many benefits that go along with academic organizations. One benefit is that being involved looks good on a resume.

Often times, this type of interaction provides a network and a step ahead of others. Academic organizations not only provide a network of professionals, but since all organizations are affiliated with a national chapter, one can be sure that the professionals are going to be great examples and provide the correct information for gaining more knowledge for a career beyond graduation.

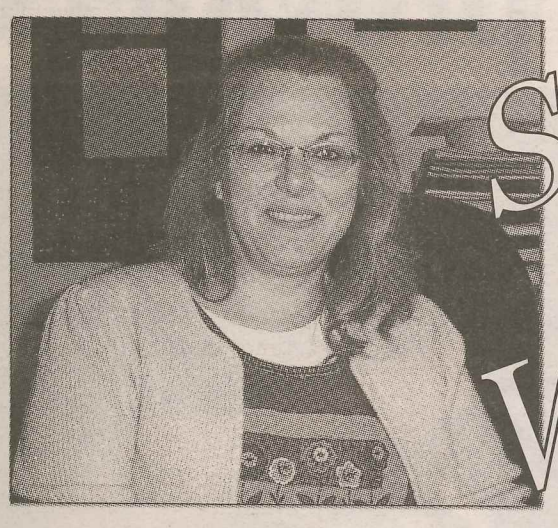
One example is the

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Professor Edition



Susan Collie - 49
speech communications
Ilinois State University

Hometown: Suburb of Chicago.
Relationship Status: Married

What is the worst job you ever had?
I was a temporary worker in the Fairbolt school district and I had to update a 300 page manual; it took two months.

What is the weirdest response you have received on your teacher evaluation?
A person identified me as the wrong teacher.

What is your favorite quote?
"No one can make you feel inferior without your permission." -Eleanor Roosevelt

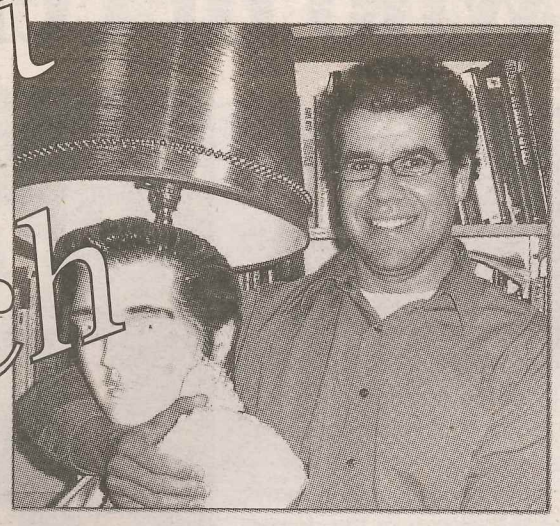
Describe yourself in one word: Friendly and tall.

What are your pet peeves?
People who drive while talking on their cell phones, people who do not use turn signals and tailgaters.

What is your favorite song/ song of the moment?
"Cats in the Cradle" by Harry Chapin.

What is the first thing you will do when the temperature reaches 65 degrees?
Go outside and look at my perennials and see how many are popping up.

What is your advice for the students of UW-Stout?
Go into every class as it would be beneficial to them in the future.



Ben Pratt - 39
design
Pratt Institute (New York)

Hometown: Durham, NC
Relationship Status: Married

What is the worst job you ever had?
I worked in a Zen bakery where I had to wake up early and know by Zen-feeling when the bread was ready. If it burned, you weren't in touch with the Cosmos and you got fired.

What is the weirdest response you have received on your teacher evaluation?
A student said I did something weird with my leg. They don't like my stories, and one said "snacks are good umm."

Favorite Sport: Frisbee.

What is your favorite quote?
"Ninety percent of success is just showing up." -Woody Allen

What are your pet peeves?
Dirty bathrooms and Wis. expressions like "yepper."

What is your favorite song/ song of the moment?
"Cinco de Mayo" by Ween.

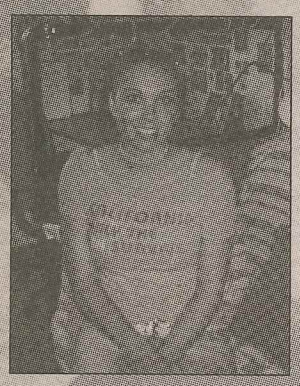
What is the first thing you will do when the temperature reaches 65 degrees?
Take out my classic car and drive.

What is your advice for the students of UW-Stout?
Travel more, become more worldly, discover more places outside Wis. and don't drink too much.

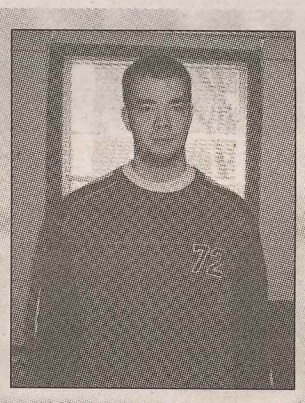
Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

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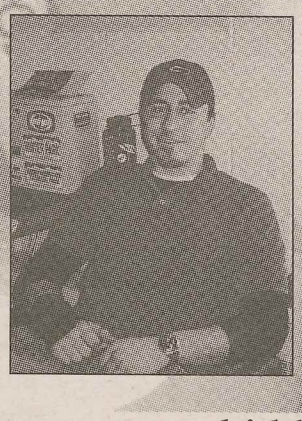


"Rum and Coke."
Tara Heston
retail merchandising and management
sophomore



"Spearmint."
Justin "Caveman" Packard
psychology
junior

What is the best thing to taste in someone else's mouth while kissing?



"I don't kiss enough to know."
Ryan Adams
engineering technology
sophomore



"Tequila Shot."
Jessi Stopra
vocational rehabilitation
sophomore

Next Week:

Where is the best place to put a hidden camera?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"My jealousy of nineties family TV shows."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

There have been so many times in my life that I just wish a person I was talking to would understand. I often have trouble finding the words I need to get my point across, causing me to ramble on and on as they can't comprehend my opinion.

Characters on television shows like "Full House" never seem to have that problem. The whole episode is based on a conflict, and at the end of the half hour that "special music" kicks in, and the conflict disappears into a few well-placed piano notes.

That is why I have decided real life calls for some sort of system in which we can play that magical music and win our arguments without needing to argue.

If you are a viewer of "Chappelle's Show," you have an idea of what I am talking about. The "Wrap it Up" box is what inspired me to think of this idea.

In my case, a simple box would play the tunes necessary to make anyone understand what I mean. So many scenarios would be solved at the push of a button.

Let's say you are having a fight with your significant other. You may feel that flirting with members of the opposite sex is completely inappropriate behavior, but your partner feels that they are just talking, not flirting.

All you would have to do is take out the "You feel me?" box, as I'd like to call it, and your other half would realize that what they were doing was, in fact, flirting and was disrespectful to you and the relationship.

Need more money from your parents, but they think you should be paying for your own college education?

Just turn on the "You feel me?" box and within minutes they will understand that getting an extra job would get in the way of your studies and, ahem, social life, which are important parts of every college student's lives.

Having the "You feel me box?" could cause many problems in the wrong hands, but since I am always right anyway, I think that making everyone else understand why they are wrong could only be beneficial.

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Who's who of cellular providers

Janelle Klander

Can you hear me now?

Everyone seems to have one, but who is really satisfied with the service? Cell phones are everywhere on campus, especially in the classrooms. Picking out a cell phone can be very confusing and frustrating.

Beginning this past fall, even the Resident Advisors are carrying around cell phones when they are on duty. Although Housing and Residence Life purchased services through Cellular One, not much thought was put into it.

"Students have options; we have no options as faculty or staff," said Marilyn Mars, director of purchasing.

A contract with Cellular One was made with the State of Wisconsin, which leaves no choice for anyone working for the university. They have no other options for providers like students have.

"We're not always satisfied with the service. There are some dead spots that will always be there," Mars said.

Cellular One works pretty well on campus - enough to assist the hall staff regulating the dorms. There are many Cellular One dealers in the area with great student bargains. The coverage is good in this area but restricts the twin cities as local, which could be costly if that is a frequently traveled area.

What about the rest of the providers?

Midwest Wireless is a local company that provides good service to students on campus with early nighttime calling and no-wait customer service.

"They are really good around this area," said Katie Kurschner an early childhood education freshman.

Although Midwest is effective in Menomonie, depending on where your hometown is, service could be a problem. They are pretty limited to some areas in Wis. and southern Minn.

"I had Cell One before, now I get full service in the dorms with Midwest," said Kurschner.

Another company to look into is T-mobile, which is a rapidly growing company. It offers great coverage in our area and is constantly adding towers.

"It's good; I get service pretty much everywhere," said Jackie Evan, an undecided freshman.

One thing that many cell phone companies don't have is polite and concerned customer service, but T-Mobile seems to prove itself in the customer service department.

"They're helpful and friendly," said Evan.

You can learn more about T-Mobile from talking to a sales representative at Wal-mart near the electronics department.

Yet another service provider is Sprint. Most customers seem to be satisfied with the service of Sprint, but many are angry at the lack of customer service.

"I have coverage through the whole campus," said Jenelle Enke, a manufacturing and engineering freshman. "I can also access my billing through my phone."

Sprint claims to be the most complete, all-digital wireless network in the nation, and by the end of 2004, another 2,000 more towers will be added. It is also great for family plans.

"I share a line with my sister, and we never go over because we have so many minutes," said Enke.

AT&T is another company. It is a leading provider of advanced wireless voice and data service for customers, according to its website. It is one of the largest digital wireless networks in North America.

"It has really good coverage, working in the dorms and in most places on campus," Anne Darrow, a retail merchandising sophomore.

Unfortunately, according to AT&T wireless' website, they do not provide coverage in our area, and locating a store anywhere near Menomonie isn't easy.

"It has a lot of long distance charges and at 9 p.m. it's sometimes hard to call people because it is so busy," Darrow said. "I'm not thrilled with the company in general, but it has good service."

As for Verizon Wireless, one of the top providers for national coverage, it also does not offer local phone services in our area. If used in Menomonie, many roaming charges may show up on the next bill. In addition, it's hard to get a good signal on campus.

Although cell phones can bring students headaches from costly bills and no service, one thing that most agree on is the convenience of owning a cell phone.

"It's a good idea to have them," said Evans. "They are really convenient."



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

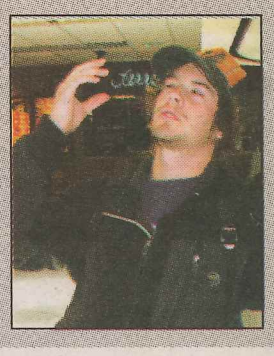
There are many cell phone service providers to choose from. Cellular One, Midwest Wireless, T-Mobile and Sprint are some that are available for use in the Menomonie area.

Editor's note:

One slant response from the March 18 issue of *The Stoutonia* had the wrong picture with its quote and name.

The person pictured next to the name Logan Warren was actually Zach Kolden, a junior in multimedia design.

Logan Warren is pictured below. His quote was: "The Bomb Diggity, cause I'm lovin it, ba da ba ba ba."



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Organizations/Importance of being involved in majors

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Midwest Career Conference that the American Marketing Association (AMA) attends. According to the website, http://www2.cfs.purdue.edu/csr/RMCC/RMC_Conf/index.htm, the conference is held every year for two days and is put on for students who are interested in careers in retail and service. Students are able to meet professionals from companies like Galyan's, Chico's and Ann Taylor.

"Midwest Career Conference is a great opportunity to network and get to know many new people and employers. Also, working with the career conference has helped members get to talk to employers before the actual conference takes place," stated Jay Engebos, a junior majoring in general business and current Vice President of communications for UW-Stout's AMA.

What else can one anticipate from being in an academic organization? Most societies do require members to pay a fee, but this fee has many rewards in return.

A part of the fee often transfers to the national chapter. In this case, members are allowed to have official membership and often have access to websites or other informational content.

These fees also help pay for conferences that an organization will attend or other events that are sponsored by the organization that would cost much more if attended individually. These opportunities are worth the small stipend considering each year students are able to gain more and more information about their major.

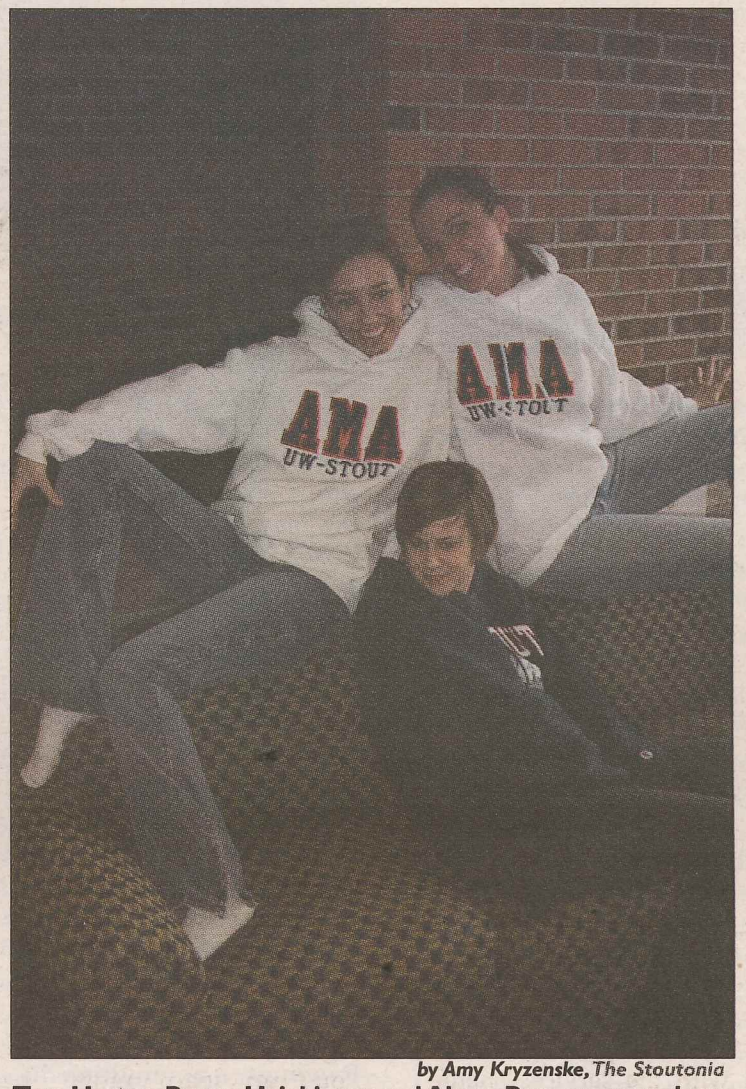
"Most events we sponsor are ways for students to better prepare themselves for their careers," said Jeremy Larson, a member of the Student Construction Association. "By bringing in people from industry we also give our members a chance to network with future employers."

Being part of one of these organizations isn't just good career training, it's also a way for people to make friends who have much in common with them and have fun while excelling in their college careers. Many organizations volunteer their time as a group for good causes like Relay for Life and food drives.

With so many organizations and extracurricular opportunities available throughout one's college journey, it's sometimes difficult to decide which ones to be a part of and which ones to dismiss. In fact, it's sometimes hard to know what each organization actually stands for and whether it's right for you.

To learn more about the opportunities available check out UW-Stout's website for student academic organizations at http://www.uwstout.edu/student/academic.shtml. This site provides names and e-mail addresses for most of the current academic organizations on campus.

There is also a complete directory of University organizations at the SSA office in the Memorial Student Center.



by Amy Kryzenske, The Stoutonia

Tara Heston, Renee Heinbigner and Alyssa Burg are members of their major's organization, American Marketing Association.

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March 25 to April 1

Thursday, March 25
>University Wellness Fair, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Great Hall.
>Mardi Gras, 11 a.m.- 12:45 p.m., Corner III , 304 Home Economics.
> Edward Scissorhands, free movie, 5-7:30 p.m., Ballroom A, MSC.
>Senator Sheila Harsdorf, speaker, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Ballroom B.
>"Samantha 'Rastles' the Woman Question," 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, $8.
>Stereotyperider, 8 p.m., Huff's.

Friday, March 26
>Riverstone Acoustic Band, 8 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $6 All Ages, General Admission.
>Skywind, 8 p.m., Great Hall, $2.50 students.

Saturday, March 27
>Governor's Cup, Indoor Soccer Championship, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Johnson Field House.
>Drunk Drivers, Skintones and Grickle Grass, 9 p.m. The Stones Throw, 21+, $5.

Sunday, March 28
>Governor's Cup, Indoor Soccer Championship, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Johnson Field House.
> Drag Show, 7 p.m., Great Hall, free.
>"We are the World" Festival, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Menomonie Middle School, $5.

Monday, March 29
>Monday Movie, 10 p.m., Climbing Wall.

Tuesday, March 30
>Stout Man Competition, 7:30 p.m., Great Hall, $4 in advance, $5 at the door.

Wednesday, March 31
>Casino Night, 7-10 p.m., Great Hall, free.

Thursday, April 1
APRIL FOOL'S DAY
>Dry Rides, 10 p.m.- 2 a.m. Delta Zeta 231-7592.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Start thinking of your practical jokes. Here comes April Fool's!

Being the bigger man on campus

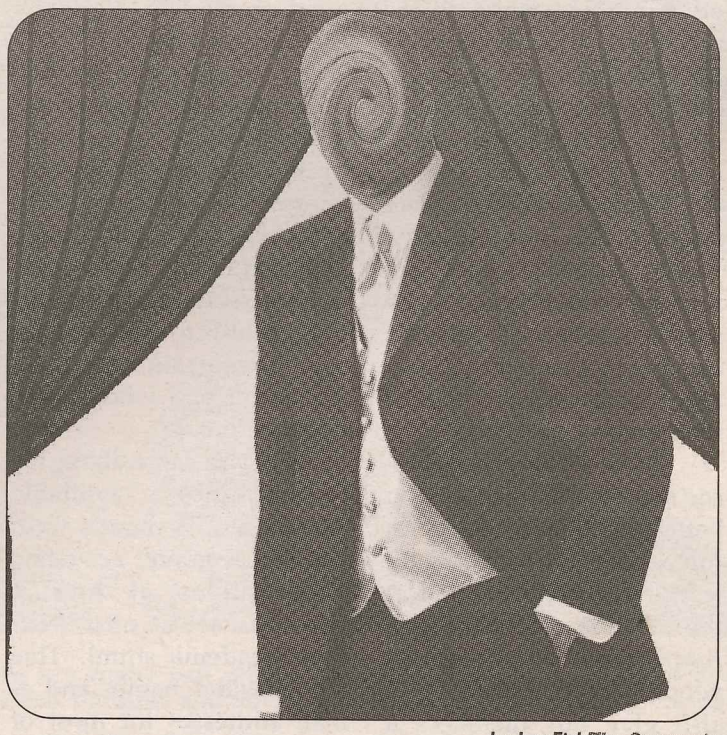
Tiffany Laschinger

Delta Zeta is hosting its second annual Stout Big Man on Campus competition. The competition allows University of Wisconsin-Stout men to strut their stuff down the catwalk and to prove they are UW-Stout's big man on campus. Over a dozen men competed last year, and this year Delta Zeta reports similar numbers.

Applications consisted of questions about likes, dislikes and general personality questions. There is no audition or selection process before the competition; every applicant will be in the show.

Last year, Stephanie Hennick, a sophomore in business and a member of Delta Zeta, headed the competition. This year the person in charge is Lauren Rawlings, a multimedia design. Both Hennick and Rawlings agree that finding men to compete was the hardest part of the job.

"I chose to enter Stout Man so last-minute that I did absolutely nada [nothing] to prepare for the competition," said Jesse Seering, a participant last year and a sophomore in construction. "I guess the only preparation for the show was during the swimsuit part when I lathered myself in Vaseline."



by Jay Fish The Stoutonia

The are four segments to the competition are formal wear, talent, question and answer and swimsuit. The men prepare in different ways before the show, and some are not planning to do anything before the night of the show.

"I have hired a personal trainer, hairstylist and make-up girl to separate myself from the competition," said Jeff Defrancesca, a freshman in vocational rehabilitation.

For many of the men, competing for the Big Man on Campus is a great way to get noticed, but none of that would be possible without friends and fellow students to support them.

"I tell all of my friends they need to show up that night, and I like to tell myself that I am going to win," said Joe Wiesneski, a sophomore in technology education. "The girls who put it on were really nice, and it was great having everyone cheer for you."

Last year's Big Man on Campus, Chad Stuart, a senior in construction, is competing again this year.

"I am looking forward to defending my title," said Stuart.

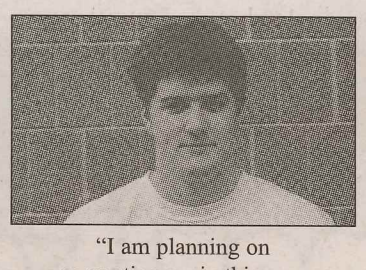
Delta Zeta's Big Man on Campus competition is part of the Alcohol Awareness Week the sorority is promoting next week. Another big event that week is Casino Night on Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. in the Great Hall. On top of alcohol-free activities, members of Delta Zeta will be designated drivers for any student in need of a sober ride.

"Casino night [is when] anyone can come and gamble with fake money to win prizes for free that are auctioned off at the end of the night," said Hennicks. "This is basically to show what other entertainment Stout has to offer, other than drinking."



"My past experience in the competion was nothing less than ex-cell-ente!"

Jessie Seering
2003 participant



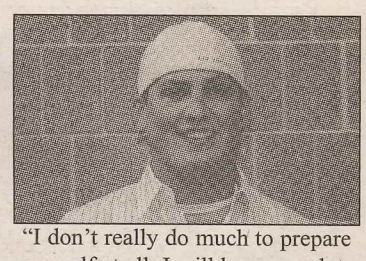
"I am planning on competing again this year and am hoping to take first this time, not third."

Joe Wiesneski
2004 participant



"Now all I can do is go out there and give it my all, and good Lord willing, things will work out."

Jeff Defrancesca
2004 participant



"I don't really do much to prepare myself at all; I will become a lot more nervous once the day of the competition is here."

Jay Engebos
2004 participant

Classic remakes not worth the buck

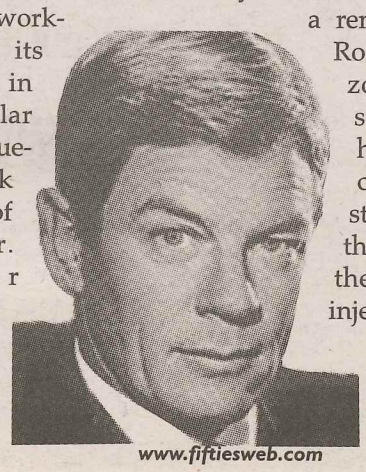


HAWKEYE
Kyle Kingston

The sad truth is that the majority of remakes and "updates" aren't worth seeing. Most of them either ruin what made a good thing good or needlessly remake something that was better left in pop culture's trash bin.

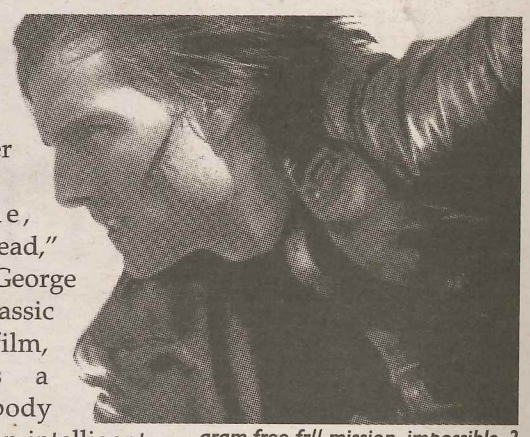
Two of Hollywood's latest attempts at recreation are "Starsky & Hutch" and "Dawn of the Dead." As might be expected, the results are mixed.

"Starsky & Hutch," featuring an unexpectedly well cast Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Snoop Dogg, turns out surprisingly well; it's not a great movie, but it doesn't try to be. "Hutch" has many things working in its favor, in particular its tongue-in-cheek sense of humor. Never taking itself or its era too seriously, "Hutch" ends up becoming more fun than the TV show ever was.



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Meanwhile, "Dawn of the Dead," a remake of George Romero's classic zombie film, substitutes a higher body count for an intelligent storyline. As corny as the premise always was, the original "Dawn" injected biting (no pun intended) wit and social satire into its scenes of zombies feasting on gray matter. The new "Dawn" simply injects product placements, failing to understand Romero's humor or ignoring it all together.



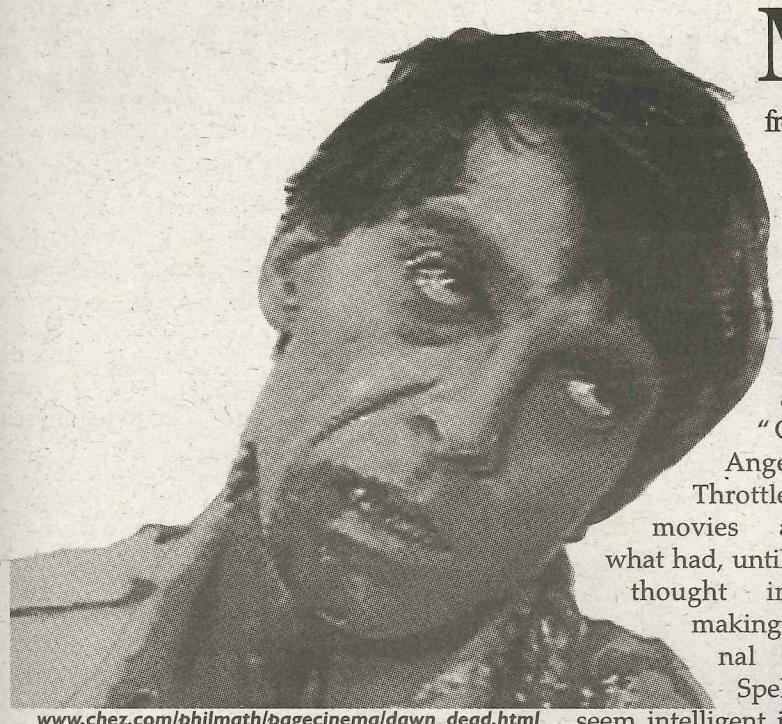
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Other recent remakes include: 1. "Charlie's Angels" and "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle." These movies accomplish what had, until now, been thought impossible--making the original Aaron Spelling series seem intelligent in comparison. 2. Then there are the "Mission: Impossible" movies, updating the classically pseudo-complicated TV series of the late 60s/early 70s. Starring Tom Cruise, neither movie aspires to be anything more than forgettable popcorn fare. To put it another way, the movies might as well self-destruct five seconds after viewing them.

The central characters and storyline are its least essential elements, taking backseat to sometimes-impressive stunts and set pieces.

3. And what of "Shaft?" The obvious jokes aside, Samuel L. Jackson was the logical choice as successor to Richard Roundtree's immortal "black private dick who's a sex machine for all the chicks." The original "Shaft," while iconic, was no one's idea of a great movie, and neither is its remake.

4. A few years ago, I also saw the remake of the 1968 Steve McQueen vehicle, "The Thomas Crown Affair," starring Pierce Brosnan and Rene Russo. It was a film that didn't need to be made, much less remade. While the remake is better than the original, it is certainly no more necessary.

5. The 1991 "Addams Family" movie deserved more praise than it got, having a pitch-perfect cast worthy of the original 1960s series. Christina Ricci stole the show in her turn as Wednesday Addams, but the rest of the cast, including Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston and Christopher Lloyd, were by no means lacking.

6. The first "Flintstones" live-action movie starring John Goodman, Rick Moranis and a then-unknown Halle Berry was actually pretty good. Its jokes were funny and lived up to its source material. In fact, of all of the cartoon-to-live-action movies, it may be one of the few that isn't terrible.

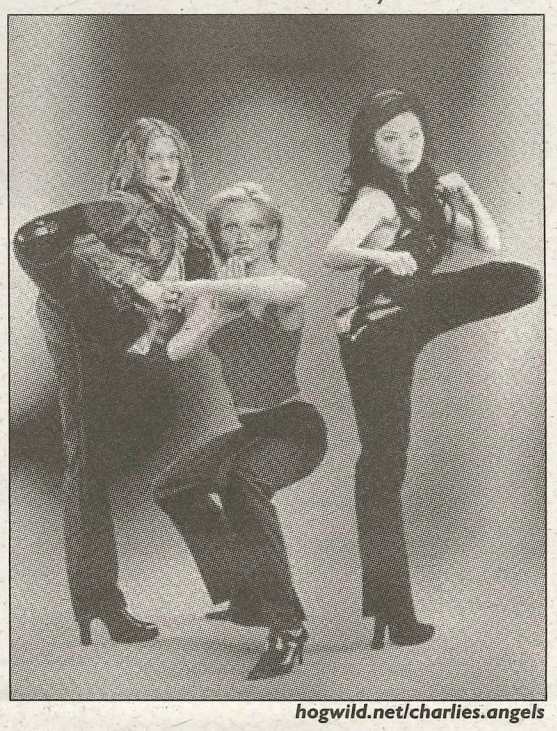
Its successor, "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas"—whose most recognizable name was Stephen Baldwin as Barney—should be considered an instrument of terror and bombed off the face of the earth.

7. Speaking of atrocious cartoon-to-live-action movies, have you seen "Scooby Doo?" If so, you have my sympathy. A sequel has been made and is soon to be released, proving that the apocalypse surely cannot be far off. And remember that "Rocky & Bullwinkle" movie of a few years ago? Don't worry, you're not supposed to. And "101 Dalmatians?" Don't get me started.

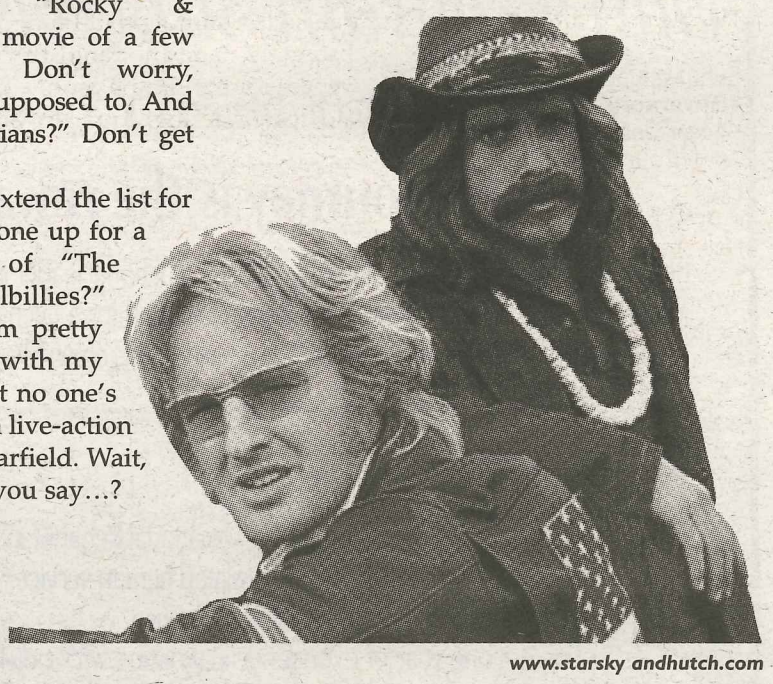
I could extend the list for pages. (Anyone up for a discussion of "The Beverly Hillbillies?" No?) But I'm pretty much done with my rant. At least no one's attempting a live-action retread of Garfield. Wait, what's that you say…?



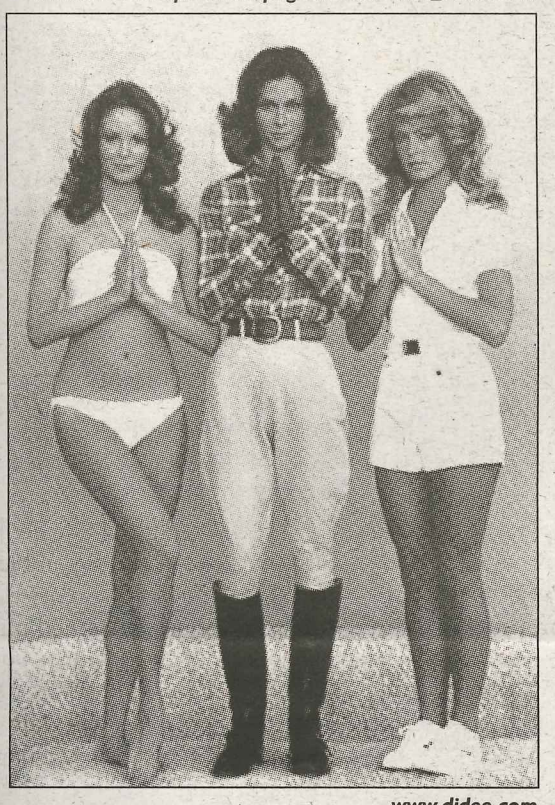
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Fine cuisine and culture in St. Paul

Paige Klein

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Not only is Cossetta's a restaurant, but they also have a grocery, deli and pizzeria paired with the cafeteria-style concept.

Since 1911, Cossetta's has been known for strong Italian presence within the St. Paul community.

The deli has an upper story with intimate seating, so if you want to sit down for your meal, it is recommended that you arrive early or get your grub to go. Although the menu may seem simple, the items are larger portions of many Italian favorites. For example, there is mostaccoli, manicotti, lasagna, hot Italian roast beef hoagies, as well as veal, chicken or eggplant parmigiana.

The grocery section of the restaurant is stocked with



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imported cheeses, olives, spices, meats and sauces, as well as dry pastas and other ethnic items.

The deli and pizzeria are part of the cafeteria-style setup where you can choose from either a main entrée or a huge slice of puffy, crusted, cheesy, homemade-sauce-laden pizza. On the other hand, perhaps you are hungry enough to eat or share an entire pizza pie.

Location is prime for this downtown establishment. With the horrors of parking that are normal for most University of Wisconsin-Stout students, comes a breath of fresh air with a parking lot designated specifically for Cossetta's customers.

With the Xcel Energy Center, the Science Museum of Minnesota and the Capitol within a mile, there is a great opportunity to experience the diversity in downtown St. Paul.

Prices are another great draw for Cossetta's. Most deli items are under ten dollars, and a slice of pizza is a meal within itself for less than seven bucks. Grocery items range from less than three to over $15 depending on how rare the ingredient.

The atmosphere is exactly what you would expect to find at a restaurant that has been frequented by Frank Sinatra and other famous Italians. This mom and pop establishment has authentic Rat Pack music playing in the background, and you feel as if you have stepped into Little Italy in New York.

Want some service that is above the board? This is the place to be. You will hear the employees and servers calling out orders to each other. Big, friendly smiles are willing to help you make a decision between all the great foods.

In addition, isn't one of the reasons we all go out to eat so we don't have to clean up our dishes? How wonderful that the servers will take care of your mess, even in this cafeteria-style restaurant.

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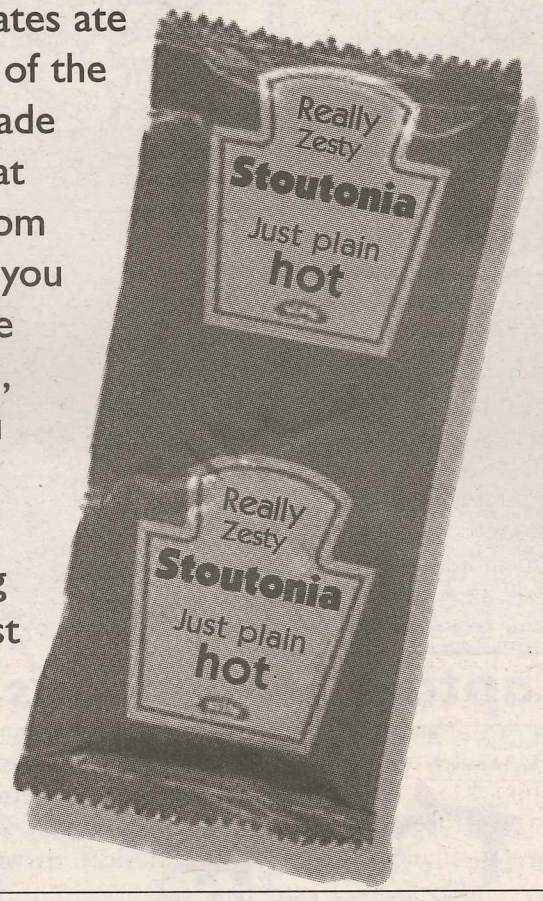
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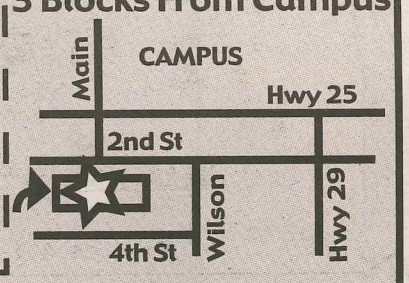
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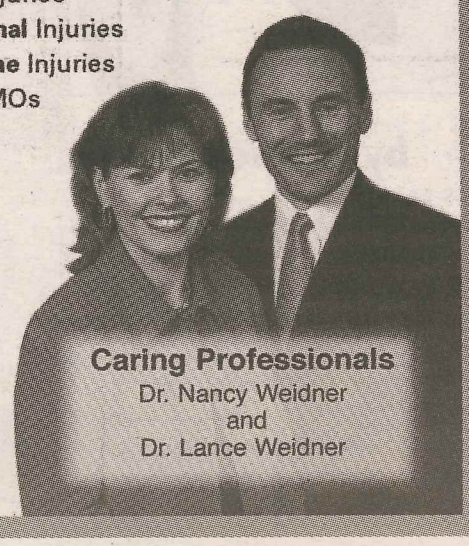
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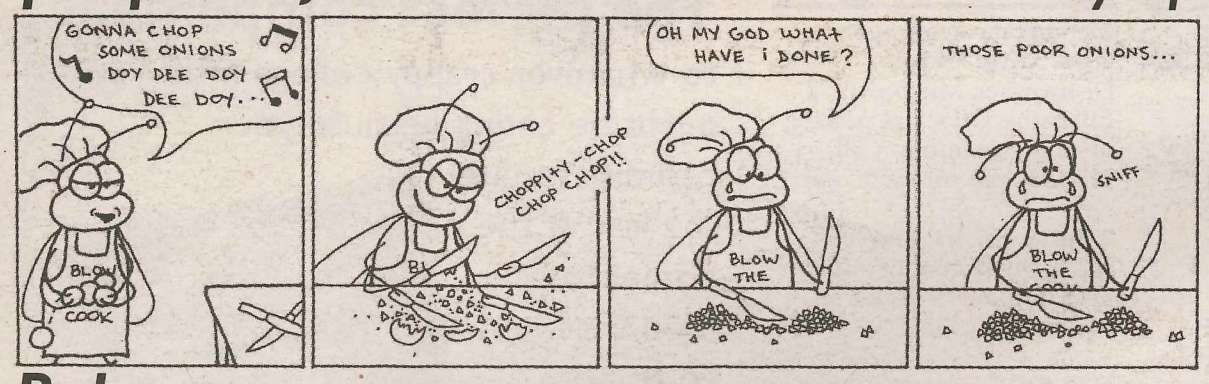
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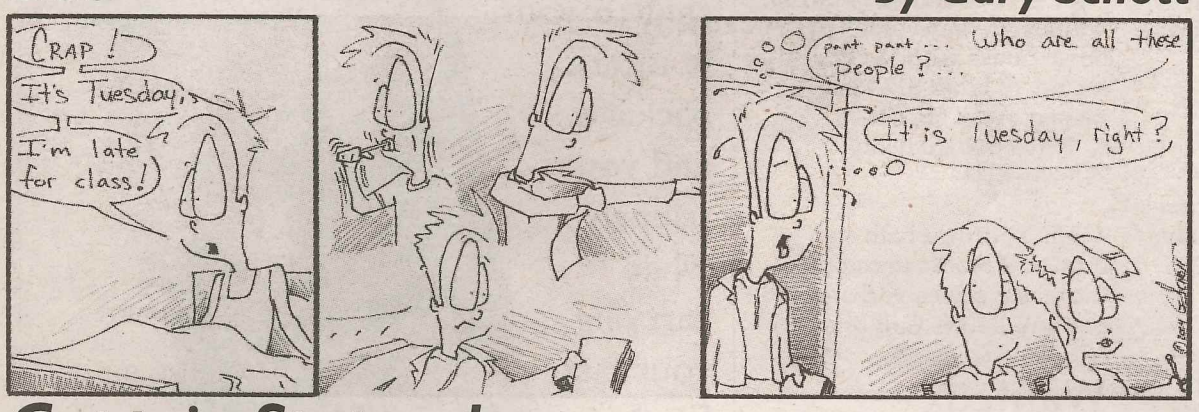
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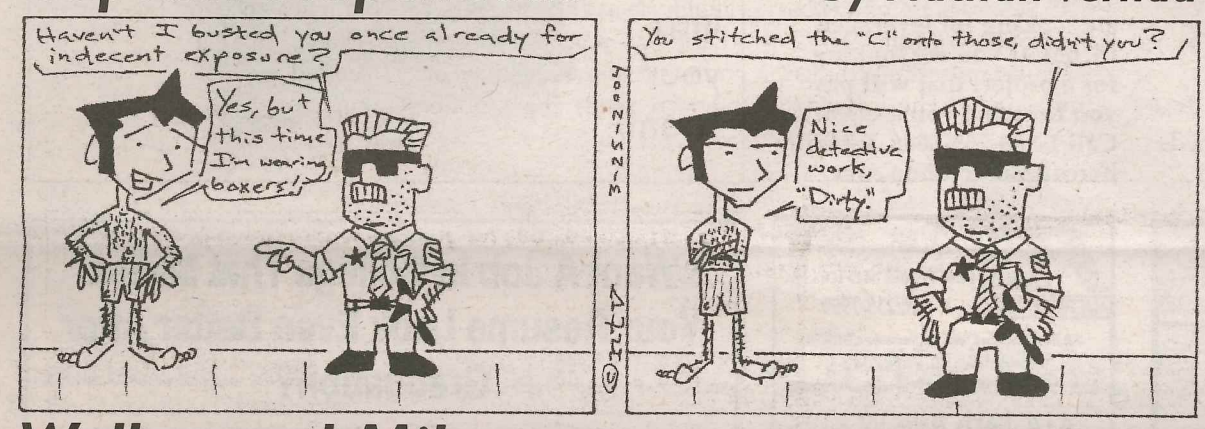
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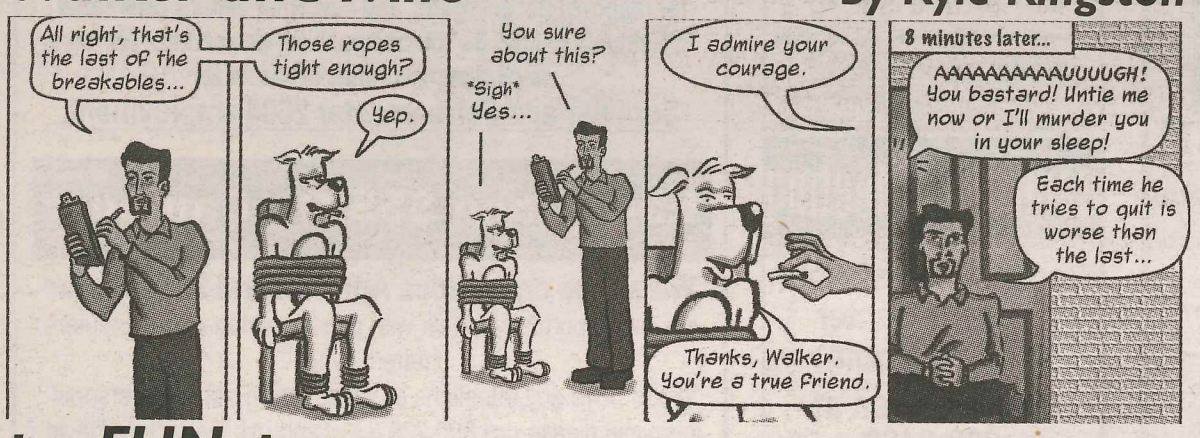
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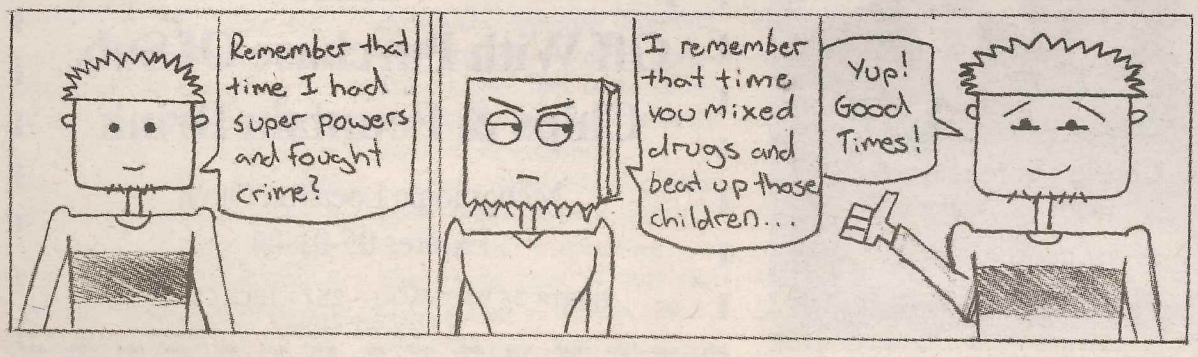
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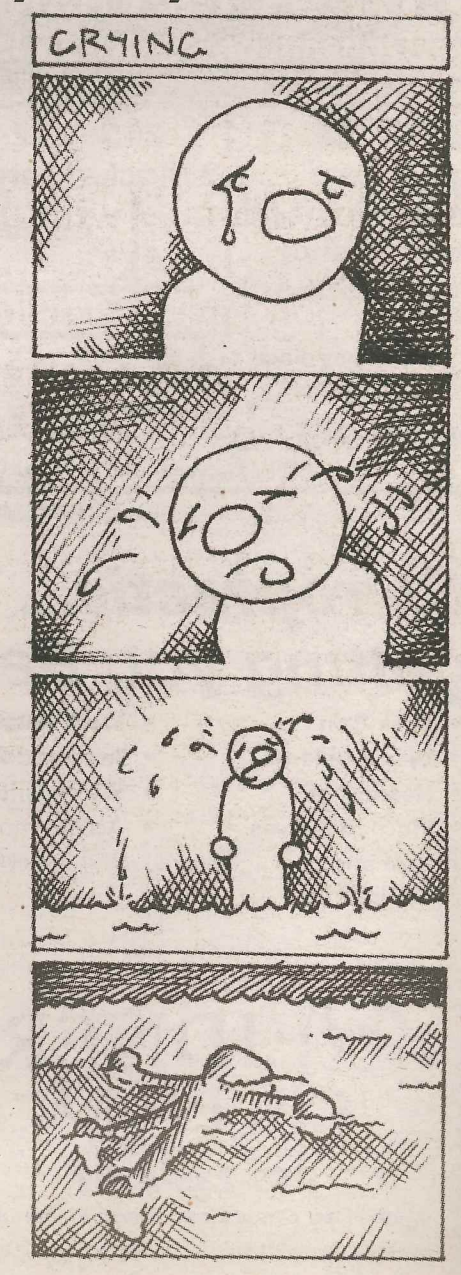
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Furry mammals go for victory



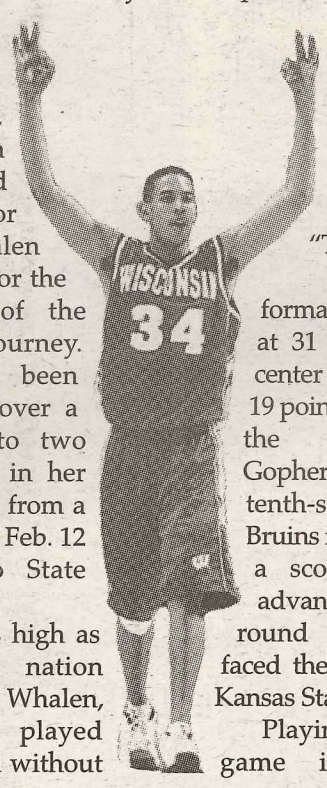
BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Hope was high for both Wisconsin Badger and Minnesota Gopher fans going into the men's and women's NCAA basketball tournaments. Both played in their home states for the first two rounds, but only one managed to advance to the "Sweet Sixteen."

The Badgers opened the tourney with a slow start and trailed by double digits in the second half of its first round game. The team was lead by Big Ten player of the year, Devin Harris, and the excellent coaching of Bo Ryan. The Badgers made a comeback and advanced to the second round.

Many brackets in Wisconsin were filled out with the sixth-seeded Badgers edging the number three seed University of Pittsburg Panthers, because the game was being played in Milwaukee. After playing a tight game Wisconsin fans will have to settle for what if, since the Panthers pulled out the victory.

Harris was considering leaving for the NBA, but the loss may cause him to stay in Madison for next season.



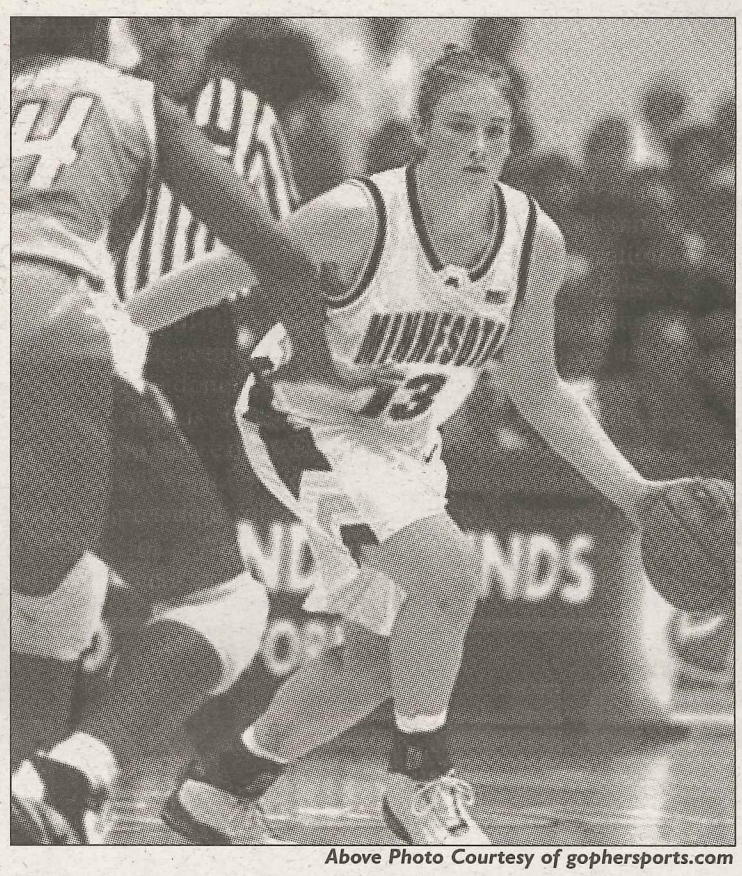
In the other bracket, Minnesota returned superstar senior Lindsey Whalen to the lineup for the first round of the women's tourney. Whalen had been sidelined for over a month due to two broken bones in her shooting hand from a hard fall in the Feb. 12 loss to Ohio State University.

Ranked as high as sixth in the nation before losing Whalen, the Gophers played mid-range ball without her. Whalen is Minnesota's all-time scoring leader with 2,186 points. Her ability to drive to the basket, kick out to open teammates with crisp passing or to drain a 3-pointer with a hand in her face are just some of the reasons she is the best female Gopher ever.

First round action in the Mid-east division of the women's bracket was at Williams Arena, a.k.a. the Gophers home, "The Barn."

With strong performances from Whalen at 31 points, and junior center Janel McCarville at 19 points and 17 rebounds, the seventh-seeded Gophers held off a fiery tenth-seeded UCLA Bruins in the first round by a score of 92-81 and advanced to the second round where the team faced the number two seed Kansas State Wildcats.

Playing her final college game in "The Barn," Whalen lead the Gophers to an 80-61 win scoring 15 points. After knocking out the two seed, the Gophers will advance to the "Sweet Sixteen" and play the third-seeded Boston College Eagles at 1:30 on Sunday.



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Devin Harris and Lindsay Whalen are both key players for their teams. Whalens will be a top pick in the WNBA Draft.

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Men's soccer kicks off tourney

Amy Stoegbauer

While fall may be the traditional time for soccer, spring brings many indoor tournaments.

The men's soccer club practices throughout the year and competes outdoors in the fall; the men move indoors for tournaments during the spring.

The team finished its outdoor season last semester with a 5-5-2 record and has been practicing indoors over the winter. The team is now ready to start their spring season.

The team will kick-off its spring season by hosting the Governors Cup Tournament this Saturday, March 27, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Sports & Fitness Center.

This tournament consists of 10 teams from Wisconsin and Minnesota and also combines two University of Wisconsin-Stout alumni teams with club teams and Division III Varsity teams.

"The indoor season is more laid back, and this helps to attract new players for the following year," said Tim Creed, co-captain of the team.

"Having the alumni teams come to play is a great chance for the team to get to know former players and build stronger team bonds."

The indoor team is made up of about 30 players of varying skill levels.

Anyone is welcome to come and play. Spring is a time for new players because the season is shorter and less demanding.

The team will be selling sweatshirts this semester as its main fundraiser. The proceeds go toward covering team expenses.

The club will be traveling to Duluth for the 15th Annual Turf Classic April 2-4.

For more information on the men's soccer club or the teams fundraiser, check out their website at http://www.uwstout.edu/student/soccer/.

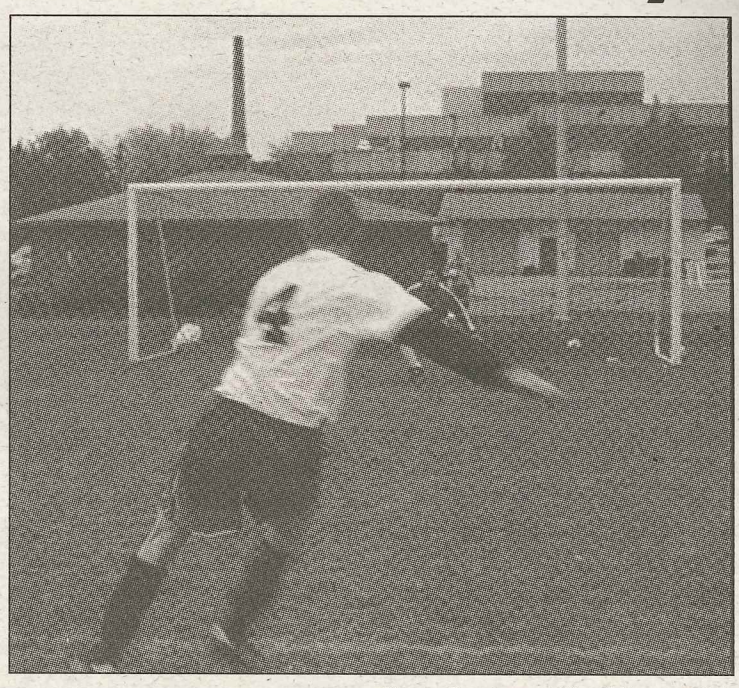


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The men's soccer club was active last season and intends to kick off this season by hosting the Governors Cup Saturday.

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Relieving stress with violence



DOUBLEOVERTIME
Wesley Simonis

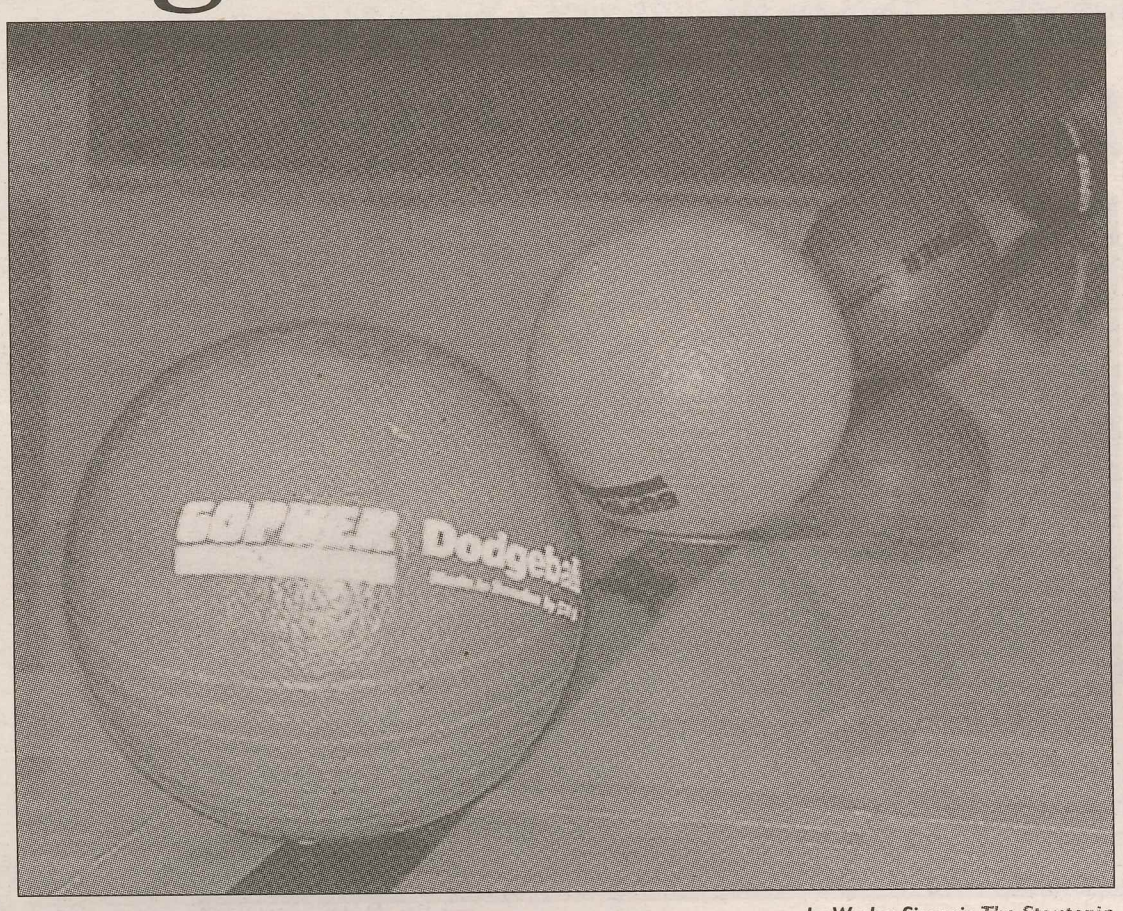
Man, did I forget how unbelievably awesome dodgeball was; everything from the intensity of the game to watching my buddies and opponents get dropped like it's World War III.

I recently had the chance to play dodgeball again, and it brought back those great childhood memories of evading danger and retaliating by destroying a cheerleader's face with a foam ball.

Surprisingly, I am not the only one who feeds off the passion of the game.

In fact, the demand for dodgeball was so high, it is now the latest craze in intramural sports. Dodgeball is the first of many "old school" sports to land on the intramural scene.

"I like the rivalry of playing other people I know," said Ryan Shook, a junior majoring in technology education. "It's also fun playing dodgeball with the guys on my floor."



by Wesley Simonis, *The Stoutonia*

Dodgeball is one of the new intramural sports that has gained popularity. Playing dodgeball is an excellent way to relieve stress as the workload piles up.

In recent years, the nature of the game has changed significantly. It is no longer an instant death sort of game.

In this form of dodgeball, there are 10 players on the field, including one "doctor." If a player gets hit, the doctor can drag the wounded player back to the team's wall to get that player back in the game.

Any smart team knows that all you have to do is get the doctor out and victory is certain. However, as I watched the action, it was hard to see who the doctor was.

Although this season of dodgeball has nearly come to a close, it will return if the demand stays high.

From the turnout I've seen, it is certain that people will continue to use dodgeball as a release for all that built up rage that accumulates from a week of college.

"Even if you were losing it was still a blast," said Joe Wiesneski, a sophomore majoring in technology education.

With the emergence of dodgeball and its popularity, it is certain that other old time favorites are sure to become intramural sports.

There is talk of everything from whiffleball, kickball and a spinoff of kickball known as matball.

Matball is basically kickball with five bases instead of three and without the foul ball and stealing rules. The game itself is literally madness.

Basically I've learned that any form of competition from tiddlywinks to snowball fights can become an intramural sport if the proper time and effort is put into participation.

The other thing that intramural sports has taught me is that sports like dodgeball and kickball are the games that students want to play.

Not because of the competition, but just for the love of the game.

Who knows. Maybe next year the latest craze to hit campus will be intramural Capture the Flag.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Kaela Wold
Softball

The season couldn't have started better for Kaela Wold.

In the first two weeks of the softball season, Wold has been unstoppable in every aspect of the game.

Wold has a batting average of .511 in 14 games with five doubles, one triple and two home runs. She also has 12 runs batted in, three walks, seven scored runs and to top it off, Wold has stolen six bases in six attempts.

Wold's extraodinary play has earned her WIAC softball position player of the week.

The Blue Devils are currently off to its best start with a record of 10-4.

The Facts:

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Softball starts out hot

Early season win streak brings softball team to one of its best starts in school history

Wesley Simonis

It may be cold here, but the season for the University of Wisconsin-Stout softball team is underway and the Blue Devils are red hot.

"We have been fortunate to have a lot of talent come to UW-Stout to play."



Chris Stainer
UW-Stout Head Softball Coach



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Jackie Davidsavor slides over the tag during play in Florida. The softball team is having a hot start to the season. In the first 10 games of the season, the team went 8-2.

UW-Stout has busted out of the gates this season and the team currently holds a record of 11-5. The team has spent most of this early spring traveling to warmer climates to play ball against other top teams in the country.

"I'm very happy with how our team has been playing," said Head Coach Chris Stainer. "We have started well."

The women opened up their season over spring break by traveling to Kissimmee, Fla. to play in a spring tournament. The tournament consisted of teams from all over the country, including some of the top ranked teams in the United States.

The team left with one of the best starts in school history and was 8-2 after the spring road trip.

"We have a large number of our starters returning," said Stainer. "We have also been fortunate to have lots of talent come to UW-Stout to play."

The ball continued to roll for the Blue Devils, as it recently returned from Iowa with two more wins under its belt.

With a solid start to its season, the Blue Devils can look forward to its first home match up on their new on field on March 31 against St. Scholastica.

Baseball team looking to win

Ryan Wessley

The Blue Devils baseball team started off its season over spring break and traveled down to Seguin and San Antonio, Texas.

The Blue Devils first competition while on its road trip was against Texas Lutheran University. The University of Wisconsin-Stout ended up dropping both games that it played there.

The team played hard but was unsuccessful in coming out of there with a win.

The first game ended with an 8-5 loss. The following day UW-Stout played them again, losing its second game 15-5.

After its first two-game series in Seguin, UW-Stout traveled to San Antonio, Texas to take on Trinity University.

The Trinity Tigers were ranked in the top 25 in Division III, and the Blue Devils proved to be a worthy opponent.

During the two games against the Trinity Tigers, the Blue Devils didn't have enough fire power in either game to come out on top against the Tigers.

UW-Stout lost the first game 8-3 and the following game 3-2.

This past weekend the Blue Devils baseball hopped on the bus and traveled down south again, this time much closer to home. The team played in Peoria, Ill., to take on Division I Bradley University.

Once again the Blue Devils came up short in a two-game series again.

This time it took two seven-inning games each for Bradley University to hand the Blue Devils two more losses in the season, 6-1 and 13-1.

UW-Stout is now 0-6 in the season and is headed to Waldorf College this Saturday. This weekend's game at Waldorf is also a homecoming for Coach Craig Walter.

Although the season has started slow for the Blue Devils, there are many games left in the season to be won.



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Baseball season is underway, and the Blue Devils have been in many close games. The team looks to break an early season losing streak when it faces Waldorf College this weekend.

BLUE DEVIL Scoreboard

Baseball

Stout	Bradley University
1	6

0-6 Overall

Next Game: March 27 vs. Waldorf College



Track & Field

Next meet: Saturday April 3 Washington University Invite

Softball

Stout	Augsburg College
Game 1	
0	3
Game 2	
10	2

11-5 overall

Next Game: March, 31, hosting St. Scholastica



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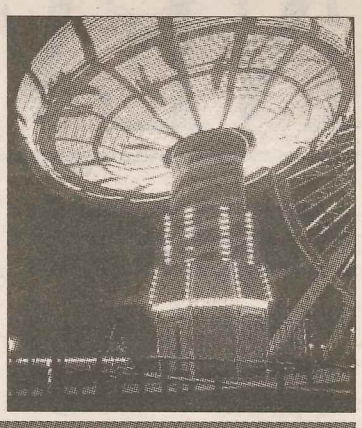
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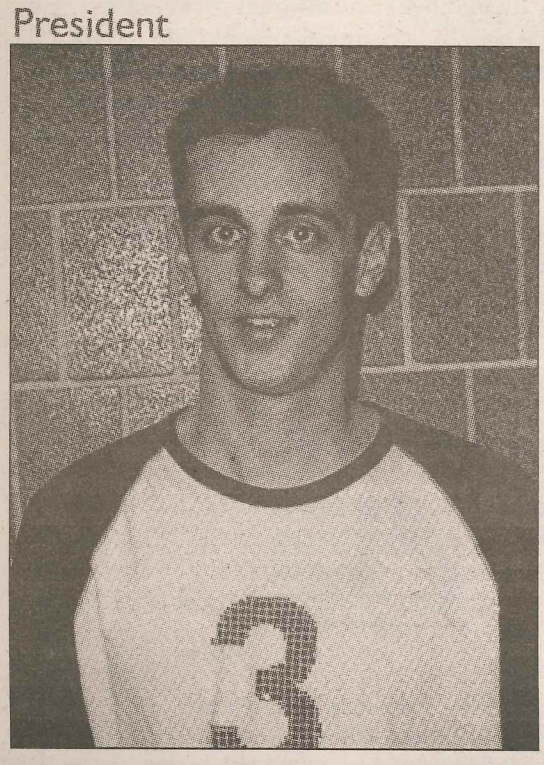
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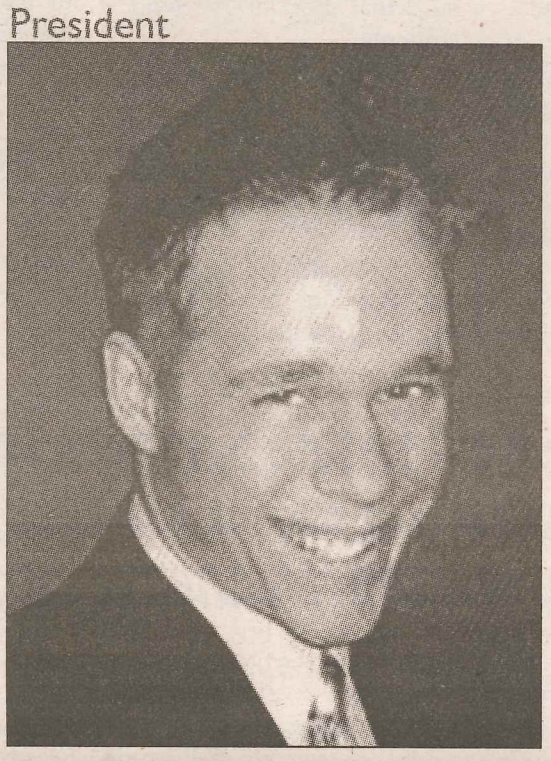
Elections set for Thursday

President



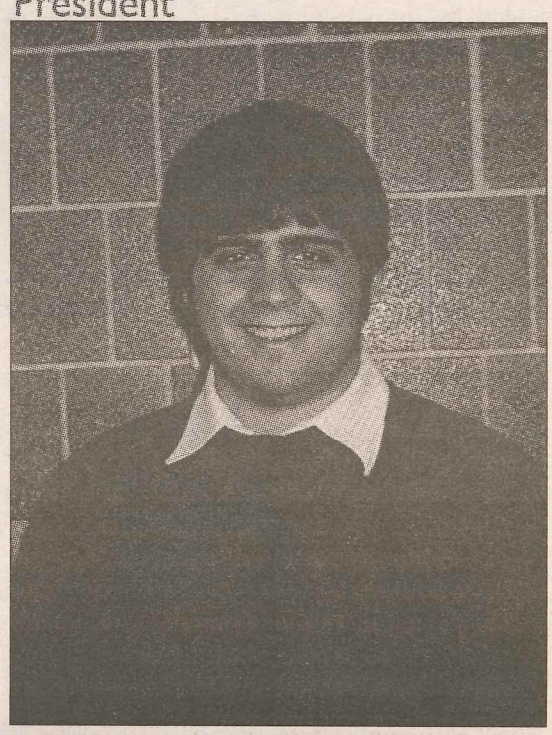
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Justin Teske
Senior, Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management

President



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Isaac Zimmermann
Sophomore, Technology Education

3 students vie for position of SSA president

Tim Krueger

Elections for new Stout Student Association (SSA) executives will be held next week. Three students are running for president, but four positions are uncontested.

SSA is the governing body for the students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout and is responsible for more than $2 million of segregated student fees per year. This money is used to help the students of UW-Stout and is also allocated to organizations and activities for students.

Every UW-Stout student with more than eight credit hours automatically becomes a member of SSA through the payment of their segregated fees. Members are given the right to vote for their representatives.

"I believe that it is important for students to get involved in SSA in order to have a voice," said Joseph Hecht, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender senator for SSA. "Each student is able to speak to different people around campus and bring an entirely unique point-of-view to the table."

The postions of director of financial affairs, director of diversity, director of legislative affairs and director of academic affairs are all being uncontested.

Those running uncontested are: Quentin Lenz, director of financial affairs; Anderson "Dusty" Perryman III, director of diversity; Shawn Peter, director of legislative affairs; and Jenny Schuh, director of academic affairs.

Running for SSA president are Bradley Stafford, Justin Teske and Isaac Zimmermann.

Stafford, a junior in industrial design, hopes to improve the use of technology in the classroom. Stafford also wants to create a union of student employees to give them more power to improve their jobs. Stafford is from Eden Prairie, Minn., and has been involved in SSA for four semesters.

Teske, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management, plans to defend our

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Students urged to reject UC

Amanda Herr

For a few hours on Tuesday, the Stout Student Association's (SSA) resolution to encourage students to vote "no" in the upcoming referendum for joining United Council (UC) was vetoed.

SSA members voted to override president Dave Hay's veto last night in favor of having a strong, united voice on the issue.

"If we don't have a message, we'll be overrun by UC's message," said Ian DeGraff, director of public relations for SSA.

UC is based in Madison and represents all University of Wisconsin students. They lobby state legislators on issues that directly impact students and work with individual student governments like SSA on state and local university issues.

For example, SSA and UC worked together with state legislators last year to keep students' best interests in mind during the budget cuts.

"I personally think that UC can only benefit us, not hurt us," said Quentin Lenz, an SSA senator representing Hovlid Hall. "They are a great avenue to get information, collaborate efforts on legislative issues with other campuses and, most importantly, they are a voice for the entire student body that the state legislature respects and listens to."

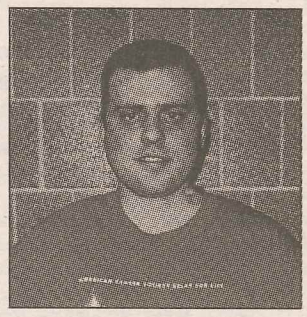
According to UC members Brian Tanner and Stephanie Hilton, UC was invited to kick off this year's budget process by introducing student priorities to the Board of Regents.

"We don't replace what you're doing, we magnify it," said Tanner, UC's shared governance director.

Joseph Hecht, SSA's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender senator, believes that UW-Stout can do more

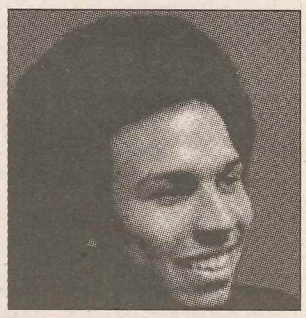
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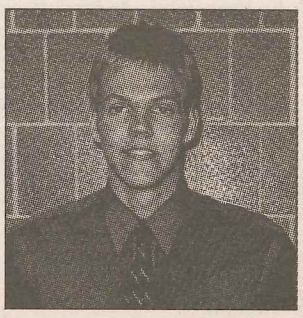
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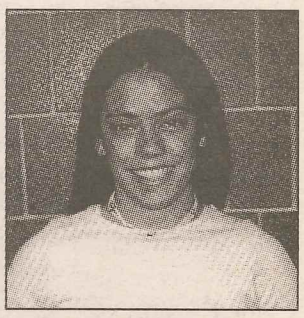
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Junior, Early Childhood

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 53° Low 32° Sunny	High 48° Low 33° Partly Cloudy	High 51° Low 27° Partly Cloudy

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rights and privileges as students. Teske is from Stillwater, Minn., and has been involved with SSA for two semesters.

Zimmermann, a sophomore in technology education, intends to make sure that every student is represented by the student government, and inform students about how SSA's decisions influence their life on campus. Zimmermann is from Appleton, Wis., and has not been involved with SSA in the past.

"Looking back over the year, we have made a lot of strides internally and externally," said Dave Hay, current president of SSA. "We have worked to make sure that the students have more representation on campus and we have fixed broken sidewalks that people in wheelchairs could not use."

SSA's president has a tremendous responsibility to the students, to make sure that the campus is fair, safe and representative of all students. Currently, the referendum for United Council is one of the important issues.

"I think that the individual students need to make a decision on [United Council], and take it seriously," said Hay.

Michele Ahlers, SSA senator for CKTO thinks students should get involved because SSA makes decisions that affect all UW-Stout students.

Voting for new executives and the United Council referendum will take place on Thursday, April 8 on the e-Scholar portal from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More information on the candidates can be found at http://ssa.uwstout.edu.

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for UC than UC can do for UW-Stout.

"We have very strong and active leadership and are able to work on many of the same issues as UC," Hecht said. "However, we have proven to be as effective or more so in our efforts, even though we are a fraction of the size."

Hecht also believes that now would not be a good time to rejoin UC because SSA and UC are both in transition phases.

If Thursday's referendum passes, UW-Stout students will pay a $2 refundable fee each semester. Students can request their money back, in writing, within 45 days of the beginning of each semester.

"Membership in United Council would not harm our students in any way; it merely provides them with an additional avenue for involvement and advocacy and offers them an opportunity to have a more powerful voice, statewide," Hay wrote in his veto letter.

He added, "I cannot justify telling a student they would be better off by voting 'no' on the United Council referendum."

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1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$160	$160	n/a	n/a	Util inc/bath off hallway/location/n/p,laundry	SR
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #1	$495	$495	n/a	n/a	All Utill Included, great location OK for 2 people	8
1	1	803 Wilson Ave #3	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #1	$260	$260	n/a	n/a	WSG+HotWater Inc. Storage, location,n/p	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #2	$290	$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc/storage/location/n/p	6
1	1	113 _ MAIN St. #2	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	WSG&Trash Inc/location/n/p/	9
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
1	1	119 W Main St. #1	$275	$275	n/a	n/a	Close To campus and downtown	3
1	1	630 _ s. Broadway #8	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Downtown location/WSG Incl.n/p	9
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	n/a	n/a	All ult. inc/ great downtown location	
2	1	421 Wilson Ave #1	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	2121 5th St. #A	$380	$190	n/a	n/a	Inc. WSG	4
2	1	619 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
2	1	1803 _ 7th St.	$440	$220	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
2	1	119 Main St. #2	$370	$185	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown, parking	3
2	1	921 Main St. #2	$375	$188	$475	$238	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	921 Main St. #4	$360	$180	$435	$218	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	2724 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms,coin laundry,parking	8
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
2	1	607 13th St.E #5	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$395	$132	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Very nice/ close to campus/ Modern	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$555	$185	$695	$232	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1.5	1820 8th St.	$750	$250	$870	$290	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$495	$124	$615	$154	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$560	$140	$720	$180	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$580	$145	$700	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$600	$150	$760	$190	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$900	$225	$1100	$285	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$740	$185	$880	$220	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	1215 10th St.	$700	$175	$880	$215	WASHER/DRYER/Gas heat/Storage	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$700	$175	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$800	$200	$920	$230	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$760	$190	$890	$223	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$840	$210	$1010	$253	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$775	$194	$975	$244	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$880	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$880	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$700	$175	$830	$208	Good location in duplex	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1380	$345	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$540	$135	$660	$165	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1000	$250	$1140	$285	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$550	$110	$700	$140	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$700	$140	$880	$176	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	1	1320 6th St.	$820	$164	$995	$199	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
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5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
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5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$975	$195	$1175	$235	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$600	$100	$780	$130	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,000	$167	$1200	$200	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
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6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,175	$195	$1385	$228	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1175	$195	$1375	$229	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave B	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave C	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
6	2	321 20th Ave D	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
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We cover all the big issues



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

Last week the Stoutonia ran an editorial that might have been better if it had run as an individual's opinion column. If you were offended by last week's editorial, thanks for still reading.

We did not receive a flood of letters or emails about our editorial; we actually had far more from the people involved in United Council. You can see all of the letters we received this week on the next page.

Our intent was not to offend with last week's editorial, but just so we are clear, newspapers are in this world to deliver news and perspective. Sports and lifestyles are just added bonuses that help sell newspapers. If newspapers could maintain their integrity and have a section devoted to the gossip of celebrities, they would.

Here on campus it is our job to report the news and deliver as many viewpoints as we can. We have a very dedicated staff who puts in anywhere from 8-35 hours a week on top of their classes and schoolwork.

In the past we have taken stances against the war in Iraq and for gay marriage in the staff editorial. When a big issue comes up that we feel students should be aware of, we tackle it. Normally we handle it very well. The editorial on the bible might not fall into that category.

If you feel we are consistently leaving out a viewpoint or a part of campus life that should be covered, let us know. We are always accepting applications for staff writers. No prior journalism experience is necessary.

Most of the Letters to the Editor we receive are not the "pat on the back" type, but that comes with the job. The more time we spend in this business, the thicker our skin grows.

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To all of you out there that believe this newspaper is a joke, we'd like to see you do better. To those of you who appreciate thorough coverage of campus events and news, good news, we aren't going anywhere, and we will always call it like we see it.



Sorry girls, but please stop driving



THE DROP
Lindsay Schudlt

I'm finally going to suck it up and admit to the one thing you will rarely hear a woman say.

Women are scary drivers.

Now, being female and knowing my personal driving record, which, by the way, would take way more time to explain than I have space to write, I know first hand that women are not the most attentive drivers around.

Despite this knowledge, it never really hit me until this weekend how right my guy friends are when they tell me women cannot drive.

As I was making my way to Eau Claire recently, I was actually focusing all of my attention where it should have been, on the vehicles around me. Well, minus all of the random thoughts running through my mind, singing to the radio and attempting to find and insert a CD into my CD player, my focus was on the road.

I was completely aware of all my surroundings and paying close attention to details, like the smudge of eyeliner I was trying to get out of the corner of my eye after checking myself out in the rear view mirror. Being alert and at prime function for driving, I was ready to conquer the road.

Before I was able to successfully put the CD into the player, this car came speeding past me, which is quite the feat if you know the speed I like to travel down any given road. It grabbed my attention long enough for me to try and see who was driving.

Not surprising, it was a lone female. I didn't pay much attention to her after that, until I realized ten minutes later that she was suddenly in front of me again, except this time not even traveling the legal speed limit. Passing her, I glanced into her vehicle and determined the cause of her sudden lack of speed.

She was doing something that men have yet to conquer in their everyday lives: multitasking. With a phone up to her ear and her mouth flapping away in conversation, she was also trying (unsuccessfully) to light a cigarette, all while still staying in her own lane.

Glancing back after passing her, I watched her enter the left lane, noticing that she seemed unaware of the fact that she was even crossing lanes and make it as far as the ditch before she swerved completely back into the right lane.

Happy that I was in front of her, I continued to watch her. She must have realized her lack of speed and proceeded to pass me yet again.

But this time as I glanced over at her, she was trying to let go of her cigarette out her window. The window, however, was too far down and the cigarette came flying back through at the unsuspecting driver.

She had to be pushing 85 as she flew ahead of me, when her head completely disappeared from my view.

That's right, she actually ducked completely under the steering wheel, I'm assuming, to find the cigarette. Her car went coasting into the opposing lane yet again, almost running into the back of the car in front of her.

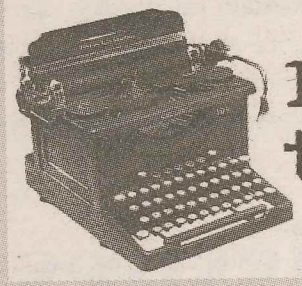
She took the next exit, and that was the end of my excitement on the way to Eau Claire. I took a cigarette out of my purse, shaking my head in disbelief of what I had just seen and tried to light it, dropping my lighter accidently in the process.

Needless to say, I needed to pick it up, and found myself in the wrong lane after grabbing it off the ground.

I'm not saying all women drivers are bad. I'm just saying if we're on the road, there's a reason they tell you to buckle up.

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Letters to the Editor

The good of UC

Four years ago, students decided to end UW-Stout's four decades of membership in United Council, for reasons both political and personal.

After agreeing to hold a referendum next Thursday on rejoining, your Student Senate voted to oppose it. From reading the Stoutonia, it seems they still have an image of UC in their minds from four years ago.

Having been involved with UC since before Stout left, I can say without any doubt that things have changed for the better.

Today, legislators on both sides of the aisle view UC as an effective organization that legitimately represents students. We've worked with the majority—including your own Senator Harsdorf—on several issues.

Today, the influential students within UC come from places like UW-Eau Claire and UW-Waukesha. No single campus dominates the agenda.

Today, the members of UC are taking a serious look at how the organization works. Anything and everything is on the table.

What you'll get from voting 'yes' is a set of eyes and ears in Madison working for you and the support of 140,000 students across the state.

What we'll get is a 24th campus to join our fight to maintain the quality and affordability of a University of Wisconsin education.

Next Thursday, when you log on and vote, vote 'yes' on the United Council referendum.

Daniel Bush
Legislative Affairs Director
Oshkosh Student Association

More good of UC

As the current United Council Vice President and a student of UW-Eau Claire, I urge you to vote in the approaching referendum to approve Stout's membership in United Council.

An important question that many Stout students have been asking is "What will we get out of our membership?" United Council (UC) provides an invaluable resource to its member campuses as a way to network on a statewide level. Individual campuses running their own initiatives and campaigns can accomplish a lot, but when the students of Wisconsin coordinate their efforts statewide, the student movement on each campus in turn benefits. The students of UW-Eau Claire voted resoundingly in their last referendum to renew membership because they saw those results.

United Council is currently looking at ways to improve and provide an even greater student voice. Every member has the opportunity to have a seat at the decision making table and shape the vision of United Council, and Stout can have the same chance. Every student has a voice within UC and the chance to network with and lobby other students. Make Stout's voice heard on the statewide level by voting to become a member.

United Council is an organization based on students and we are working this year to strengthen that focus. I am very excited to see where this organization is headed as we work to protect access to higher education for students statewide. Take a chance to learn more information about the benefits of United Council and remember to vote April 8th.

Thank you,

Saskia Harak
UW-Eau Claire student
United Council V. President

Even more good of UC

United Council (UC) is Wisconsin's state student association representing 145,000 students on 23 UW campuses. For only $2.00 per semester (paid with your tuition bill and refundable upon request), UC's 9 full-time staff members advocate for UW students and lobby on their behalf at the state capitol and to the UW System administration and Board of Regents. United Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. Students democratically decide the issues they want to tackle statewide and then work with UC staff to implement their vision.

United Council saves students thousands of dollars a year in tuition and fee caps and increased financial aid – all for the price of a cup of coffee.

Some of UC's recent victories for students include: linking financial aid increases to tuition increases; winning a 53% increase in state financial aid allocations (the largest in state history!); and securing a tuition freeze in the 2000-01 school year.

As one of three non-member schools in the whole UW system, Stout students currently do not have access to the resources of information, programming, and support that UC provides its 23 member campuses. United Council would like to see Stout resume its active role in the statewide movement. Stout students need United Council in order to do this.

It is time for UW-Stout to be a leader in the statewide movement. Vote YES for United Council on April 8th for Stout to resume its membership in the statewide student association.

J. Jeffrey Pertl
President
United Council of UW Students

Still more UC

There was a very glaring inaccuracy with your article on the SSA and the United Council referendum.

Dave Hay was quoted as saying that there were no senators opposed to the referendum. This was false. I voted against the referendum after realizing that President Hay had been telling the senate one thing about UC for most of the school year and suddenly made a complete reversal in his opinion.

After seeing no way to convince enough senators to repeal the motion, I chose to try to amend it to give the senate more time to educate ourselves and the campus about what UC does and what, specifically, they can do for us (which is not much compared to what they want us to do for them). This did not pass. But the senators did vote to take a stand AGAINST rejoining United Council.

Your article shed a predominantly favorable light on the organization, which was not based at all on the senate's lengthy discussions.

President Hay chose not to give you a balanced statement. He chose not to give you the names of senators that would provide a counter-point.

Now, after stressing how the senate needs to have a united voice and how willing he was to back our decision, President Hay is planning to veto the senate's resolution against rejoining UC.

Perhaps The Stoutonia could have two articles in the next issue: SSA CUATIONS STUDENT BODY AGAINST UNITED COUNCIL and SSA PRESIDENT MISUSES AUTHORITY.

Joseph Hecht,
SSA LGBT Senator

Sad about Bible editorial

Well I suppose you've heard a lot about your staff editorial on the Bible by now, some of it favorable, some less so. Freedom of the press is a wonderful thing and it gave you permission to write what you did, but I hope you're prepared for the consequences. You've hurt a lot of people's feelings rather badly and you've cost yourself the respect of a significant percentage of your fellow students, not to mention the large majority of your professors. I for one had a high opinion of your editor, Becky Hartung, and a number of other staff members, but that's pretty much gone for good now. It's hard to think well of people who have essentially told you that they think you're damned to Hell.

One other point: by calling what you published a "staff editorial" and by including the staff photograph above it you pretty much implicated everyone connected to the Stoutonia in your bigotry. If in fact everyone on the staff shares your opinions, that's rather sad. If, however, some staff members don't share your viewpoint, you owe them an apology for having tarred them with the same foul-smelling brush you've chosen to apply to yourselves.

Yours in sadness.

Michael Levy
Chair
Department of English and Philosophy

Online classes too big

The Stoutonia reported in "Sorensen reassures campus on 2010," in the February 26th edition that "online classes are limited to 12 students" (Shaw, 2). This summer I am teaching an online course which is capped at 30 students. This past fall I had 24 students in an online Technical Writing Course. Checking with other professors in the English and Philosophy department, online courses are generally slated to have 25-30 students.

The reporter stated "Online courses are currently limited to 12 students. Thomas (referring to Assistant History Professor Kathleen Thomas) says new hires are being given 20 students." First of all it is the statement itself is not clear. In the article, the previous except is not in quotations, did Mr. Shaw combine some facts to establish a particular point of view?

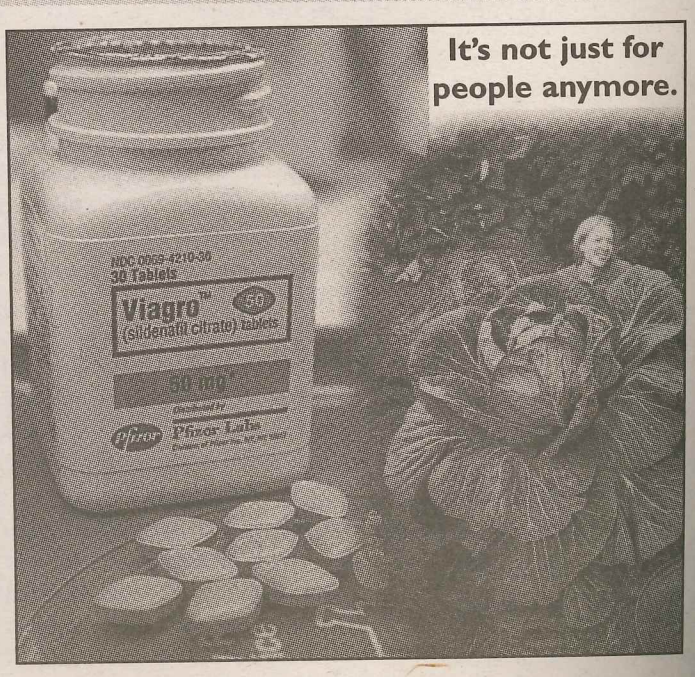
Unfortunately, your figures and the facts concerning online class enrollment are grievously mistaken.

Such erroneous facts provide an inaccurate understanding of an issue that is central to the life and future of this campus. While being supportive of moving toward online classes, I am concerned, as are many others, about the quality of those courses. Providing excellence in the classroom, while maintaining a sound pedagogical basis, is a fundamental principle of the faculty here at Stout.

If we are to carry on an appropriate conversation between all the various subjectivities here on campus, the information from all venues must be accurate.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Martin
Assistant Professor of Technical Communication and Composition



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SPACEDOUT
Chelsea Rickert

You used the Internet for the first time, and when you did, you used Netscape Navigator. Yahoo.com was the first place you went. You wore baggy pants and flannel shirts and watched "3rd Rock from the Sun," "7th Heaven" and "Dexter's Laboratory." Yes, you even danced to the "Macarena."

1996: The first year of the last half of the lost decade.

Kids still ran around in pants big enough to serve as parachutes, and taller women made short men everywhere uncomfortable by wearing unflattering height-enhancing footwear: platform sandals.

High schoolers would not be able to afford a mobile phone for another year or two, so they toted around flashy pagers and thought it looked cool.

Harrison Ford played an unconvincing president in "Air Force One"(he was too sincere) and Sigourney Weaver became the mother of an alien in "Alien Resurrection." "Soul Bossa Nova" got stuck in everyone's head because it was the opening theme to "Austin Powers," which everyone saw in theaters. Beavis and Butthead ended their television reign with a full-length motion picture, "Beavis and Butthead Do America." Chris Farley acted one of his last in "Beverly Hills Ninja" and John Travolta and Nicholas Cage went head to head in "Face/Off." Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones kicked alien butt in "Men in Black."



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Everyone in bars and at wedding receptions across the nation got down to the Latin-style line dance the Macarena, and junior high kids memorized every step to the dance for the theme song to "Men in Black" (myself included).

According to Billboard, the top songs (in no particular order and excluding Macarena) were "Give me one Reason" by Tracy Chapman, "One Sweet Day" by Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men, "Ironic" by Alanis Morissette, "Follow you Down" by the Gin Blossoms, "Change The World" by Eric Clapton, "Gangsta's Paradise" by Coolio and "Wonderwall" by Oasis. One of Tupac's final hits hit the radio in '96, "California Love," before he was murdered that year.

Slick Willy beat Bob Dole in the presidential elections and won his second term of presidency.

The Olympics came to the land of the Confederates in Atlanta, Ga., where an ailing Muhammad Ali light the ceremonial torch with shaking hands. On July 27 a bomb exploded in Centennial Park, killing Alice Hawthorne and injuring many. President Clinton called the incident an "act of terror."

Richard Jewell discovered a suspicious green knapsack containing the bomb before it went off and was wrongfully labeled by the media as being responsible for the bomb. The Justice Department named Eric Robert Rudolph as its suspect in the bombing, and he was put on the FBI's ten most wanted fugitives list in 1998. Rudolph was finally arrested in May of 2003.



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Dolly the Sheep was cloned in 1996. and released to the public seven months later. She gave birth to four lambs within her lifetime, but kicked the bucket in 2003 due to a progressing lung condition.

The JonBenet Ramsey murder scandal came to the public when the little beauty pageant girl was found in her basement in Colorado, brutally murdered shortly after Christmas. The media had a frenzy with blaming JonBenet's parents for the murder; they are still under suspicion.

Hale-Bopp, a recently discovered comet by normal standards, was seen by the naked eye in May 1996. It was discovered by independent observers Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp in 1995. Another comet was discovered and named by Japanese amateur astronomer Hyakutake (say that 5 times fast) in 1996. Hyakutake discovered the comet by using binoculars. The comet could only be seen by the naked eye in the northern atmosphere.

And now for the stupid event of 1996: On March 14, President Bill Clinton committed $100 million of tax payer's money to an anti-terrorism agreement with Israel to track down and root out terrorists. They must have been looking in the wrong places…and ignoring the fact that they were also giving billions of dollars to the oil gods of the Middleast and aiding the WTC bombings in the process. But we won't get into that.

Everyone can live by the principles they hold



JUSTSENSE
Brian Legg

Don't let your convictions get in the way of your education, not just in the context of a classroom, but in real life learning. Live by the principles you hold, but understand that you might not have it all figured out.

A box is a pretty confined place in which to limit your thinking.

Two weeks ago, I challenged readers to establish a plurality of precedent upon which to base a claim.

My point was that an argument's merit is enhanced by the diversity of its derivation. I intentionally used a controversial book as my example in an attempt to increase interest in my point.

The Stoutonia staff, or certain members monopolizing ownership of its editorial section, felt it necessary to issue an unofficial response to my piece. In statements more appropriate for a parochial publication, the staff editorial attempted to defend the merits of a particular religious text. However, my argument never tried to discredit the validity of that text, on the contrary I said that it was "a good moral guide."

Once again, my point was that exclusivity in citation is poor practice for intellectual debate.

But is it really the place of a secular institution's publication, like The Stoutonia, to defend one religious text? We already have the "Word on the Street" magazine (which I regularly peruse) undertaking that task. Shouldn't The Stoutonia have the interests of a diverse group of individuals in mind? You should be nodding your head up and down right now.

Beliefs are a thing to be challenged (for the record I have read the Bible and other Christian texts) and developed. It was once a common belief that the Earth was the center of the universe. Those who challenged that belief were condemned, and yet today we can see that they were correct.

Getting overly defensive of your personal beliefs will only hold you back from learning and growing as a person. Be tolerant of other's views and expect nothing less from them.

It is not important to have all the answers right now, but it is important to be receptive to them as they come. For the sake of my Christian readers, however, I will not use the Bible as an example again; apparently it is a touchy subject.

Mid-program review gets taste of own medicine



NICEPANTS
Matt Shubbe

Ah, mid-program review. What can I really say about it? Those who haven't been through it are afraid of it, those who have been through it are glad to be done. And those who have no idea what I'm talking about would probably like me to explain.

For those of you who don't know, mid-program review is something that every art/design major at University of Wisconsin-Stout has to complete in order to graduate. Basically, when you get about halfway done with your credits, art wise (or midway, get it?) you are then subjected to a review by teachers from your chosen concentration.

Graphic design majors have graphic design professors, Industrial design majors have ID teachers, and so on. To prepare, you first must compile approximately 26 works of art from the various classes you've taken. After that, you have to make sure all of them look presentable.

Now that we've gotten that out of the way, we can talk about how I feel about this. Having just one week ago undergone the process of mid-program review, I can safely say that the whole experience kind of sucked. I passed the thing, so I don't have to redo it next semester, but at the same time I don't think that it's a very efficient way of evaluating progress.

First of all, the reviewers were behind schedule quite a bit. It helps a little that they divide things up by concentration, but even with that the standard review time is only 20 minutes to begin with. That means that if the reviewers run over with say, the first person in line, everyone else (like me) gets stuck in the lurch, and the reviewers have to rush. I had other classes to get to, and although my review was supposed to start at 11:40, it actually started at around 12:05.

In addition to being a scheduling inconvenience, the short review time and the running late factor definitely threw a wrench into the critiquing process. I had close to 30 different works of art to explain and show them, and that eats up time very quickly.

I could barely sputter out a sentence because things were running so far behind, so some of my pieces definitely got short changed. Some of them I didn't even get to talk about, and those just happened to be some of my better works.

Each student was also supposed to write up a resume and an artist statement describing themselves and their work for the review. It really didn't help that because of the hurried pace none of the professors read either of those. A reviewer of mine made a crack about my personality and how I was well-mannered in person but the real me seemed hidden. If only someone had read that artist statement….

Other than that, the review went pretty well. The professors reviewing my work seemed generally compassionate, if not a little frazzled, because of the stress of the day. It was almost calming to see that they felt the same way that I did. Maybe with some changes to the process that could all change.

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Upcoming IRHA elections

Lindsey Schuldt

It's that time of year again. Political fever is sweeping over our campus like the warm weather sweeping through the Midwest. The Inter Residence Hall Association (IRHA) is becoming a part of this fever with it's upcoming elections, which will be online this year in connection with SSA elections.

The positions available are president, vice president, secretary and marketing specialist. The National Communications Coordination (NCC) position is filled in the fall semester each year and the NCC elect for this year is Linda Atkinson.

"I am running for President of IRHA because I want to be an active leader here at Stout and I think I would make a difference in the meetings and events IRHA puts on throughout the year," said Kari Kalogerson, a freshman in early childhood education.

There are a total of eight candidates running for the different positions. Kalogerson is the only candidate running for president, Lisa Leedle and Steven Downs are running for vice president, Kim Blanke is running for marketing specialist and Jenna Haroldson, Allison Lamon, Beth Steffen, and Julie Theis are running for secretary.

"This year I had a goal to become more involved," said Leedle, a junior majoring in technology education. "If I didn't have a commitment to the activities I do, I would not be where I am."

An individual profile will be posted for each candidate online through the E-Scholar portal for hall residents within the halls to get to know each candidate. Everyone who lives on campus has a vote as to who gets elected into office.

"I work very diligently especially for things I believe in and know that they matter," said Downs, a freshman in telecommunication systems. "This position matters to me because I love this campus and the students here and feel that I want to be part of keeping it a great place to live."

IRHA is a council that meets every Monday night with two representatives from each hall and one National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) voting member. IRHA is the main government for each of the nine halls.

"Many people still do not know what IRHA is let alone what it stands for," said Blanke a freshman majoring in apparel design. "The first week of the fall semester in 2004 is a crucial week in publicizing IRHA's name. I plan to get a logo started so that residents can easily identify IRHA and become familiar with all that it does."



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Elections for IRHA president, vice president, marketing specialist and secretary will be held on Thursday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. All on campus residents are eligable to vote.

IRHA discusses all matters within the halls, as well as promote programming such as Family Weekend, Stoutnic and LAUGH week. IRHA promotes leadership and involvement within the halls and acts as a link to all students on campus to inform them of upcming events.

"I want to inspire more people to become involved in IRHA and the council," said Julie Theis, a sophomore majoring in marketing and business education. "I feel this will be a great opportunity to further develop leadership experience and to work with a great group of people from all the residence halls."

The elections will take place on Thursday, April 8, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Each candidate will be giving a speech on Monday, April 5 in the Glass Lounge, which is located within the Merle Price Commons.

The speeches will be followed by a question and answer open forum beginning at 5:45 p.m. All residents are invited. In order to vote for these candidates, students must live on campus.

"I believe that strong leadership is key to IRHA," said Steffen, a freshman majoring in marketing education. "I believe that the people that represent IRHA need a strong leadership background. Because of this belief, I believe that I am right for this job.

Skills for successful interviews



JOB EXPERT
Paige Klein

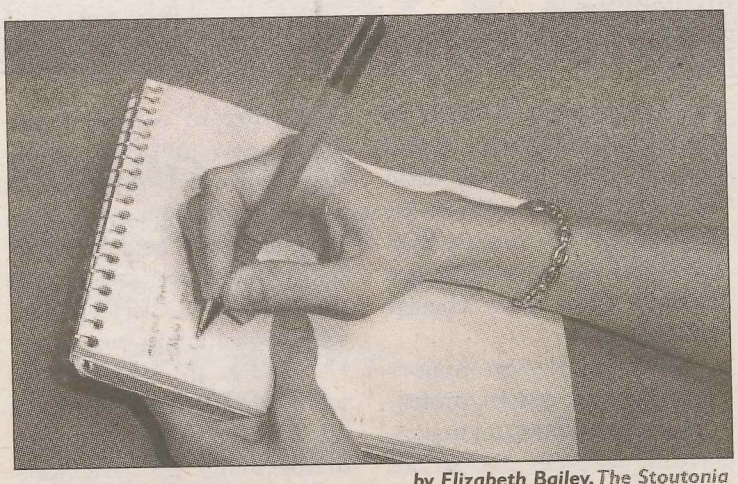
It worked! Your hard work on the résumé and cover letter, in addition to the diligence you have put into school work and extra curricular activities has finally paid off. Now you just need to ace that interview.

Do not start freaking out. It will be fine; you just need to follow a few simple guidelines to assure that the company you are meeting with can comprehend all the wonderful attributes that are YOU!

Before the interview there are several rules of thumb to follow. In regards to the actual company, you should research the services or products provided. Some other criteria to know about a company include their mission statement, objectives and company goals.

Before you arrive at the interview you should have the following items ready to go: an extra copy of your résumé, directions to the interview place, the name of the interviewer and a phone number of the interviewing place in case you are running behind, so that you can be courteous and forewarn the interviewer.

Your appearance is another way to make an influential first impression. The clothing ensemble should be a suit of some sort, with a bold tie or blouse to show your uniqueness. Clothing should be pressed and free of wrinkles. Also, remember to take off any sales tags.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

While at an interview, the interviewer will ask behavioral questions. You should have a list of questions to ask them as well.

According to the UW-Stout Placement and Co-op Services website, the first impression in the interview process is the one of most importance. "You should look neat and clean, from your clothes to your hair, hands and fingernails. Do not smoke prior to your interview; your breath can be a turn off."

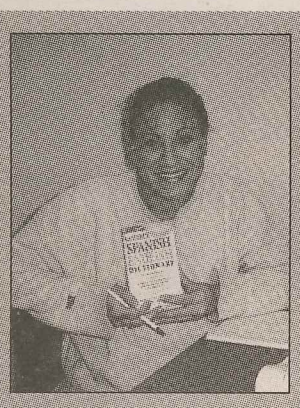
A firm handshake is key. No limp or overpowering grips are needed. Other standards to adhere by are the sufficient eye contact. Be direct with the interviewer, but do not stare them down. Another tip is mostly for females: DO NOT cross your legs, put both of your feet flat on the ground with your knees together to show more receptive body language.

While in the actual interview feel free to discuss past work experiences with ease. Make sure that you are prepared with examples of times that you have worked in teams, displayed leadership and dealt with difficult customers and/or co-workers.

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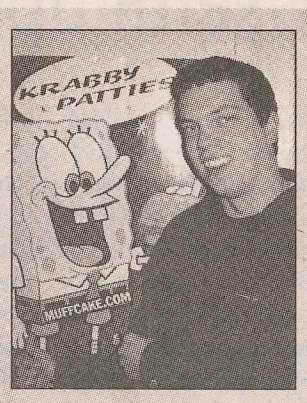
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"In the boys bathroom at OB."

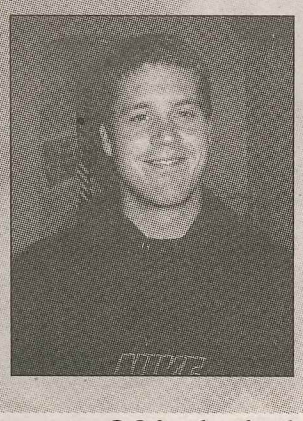
Bethany Hawkins
hospitality, restaurant and tourism management
senior



"In a hidden camera case and if I tell you where that is I'll have to kill you."

Noah Starr
technology education
freshman

Where is the best place to put a hidden camera?



"In the freezer, so I can find out who's stealing my pizzas."

Matt Wilcox
industrial design
senior



"On top of my car, so I can see the parking people before they give me another ticket."

Kenzie Studer
general business
senior

Next Week:

What is the name of your 80's hair band?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"April, May, June, July, August.... fools!"



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

On April 1, I plan to lie to everyone I know, telling them absurd things, and it will be okay. We have been given a holiday to guiltlessly fib.

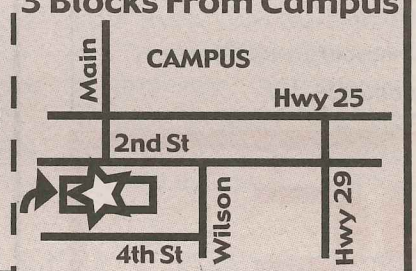
What I want to know is, why can't we do this all year? There has to be some way to make the lighthearted spirit of April Fool's Day last all year long.

I am not saying we should all become a bunch of heartless liars, but some people are just much too serious. A good laugh more than once a year would do them good.

Instead of busting out the old pranks on Thursday, I say pull them all over the weekend instead, when you'd actually be tricking the person!

So remember to use your head or you'll get fooled!

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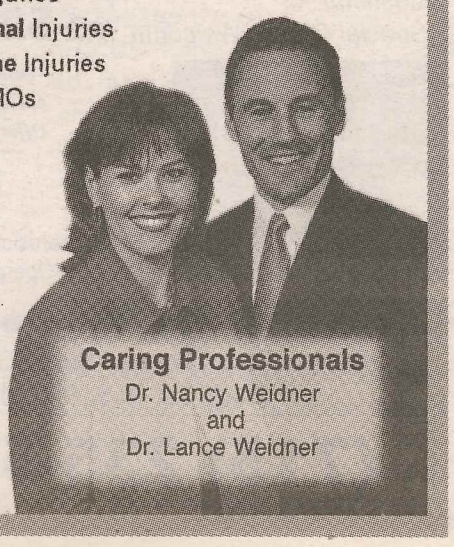
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Interview/ Useful tips for success

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At some point in the interview process there will be some behavioral questions. An example of that would be the following question: "How would you act if you knew that there was a co-worker that was stealing from the company in some way?"

Be prepared with a list of questions about the company or position. The interviewer should give you a point at which you can ask these. At the end of the interview, do not forget to thank the interviewer for their time. Shake their hand again and do not be afraid to ask what the next step in the process is, or a time that you will be contacted.

You did fine; take a deep breath. If the company feels that you are going to be an asset to them, you should hear back for a second interview. Now, do not forget to follow up by writing a formal thank-you letter. Move beyond the easy way out with a thank you e-mail with a typed or handwritten letter.

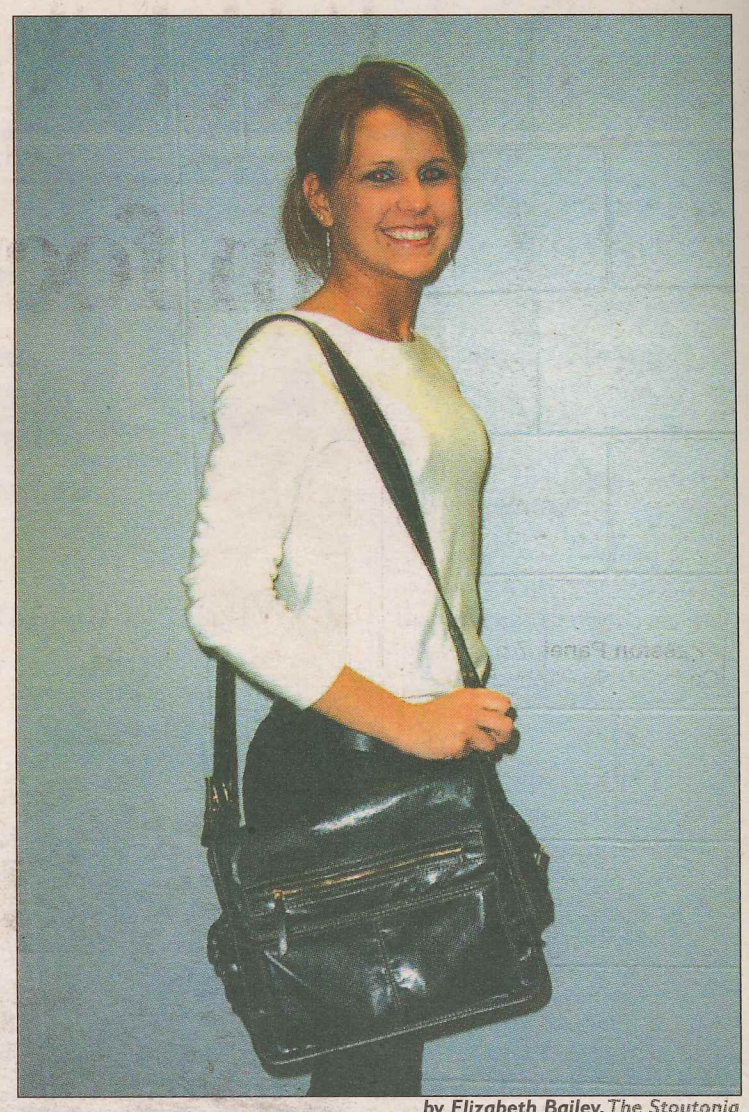
According to www.monster.com, "Thank-you letters are marketing tools that can have tremendous value in moving your candidacy forward and positioning you above the competition."

To improve your skills for the next interview, you should check out some resources that are available to you. A great way to be prepared is to browse various websites that specialize in interviewing skills.

Examples of interview questions, exploring differences in phone, second and behavioral interviews and dressing for success are some subject matter touched in classes and seminars available at UW-Stout.

Professionalism and Interview Skills, in addition to Business Writing, give guidelines that give some perspective to college students.

The last tip is that you need to be comfortable being within their organization. You may not feel completely jazzed about the company on the first go-around, but try it a second time. You are well on your way to being employed in the real world.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Andrea Schutt, a sophomore in apparel design and development, demonstrates an appropriate outfit to wear to an interview.

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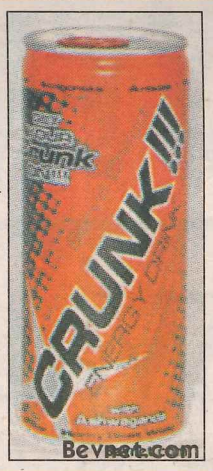
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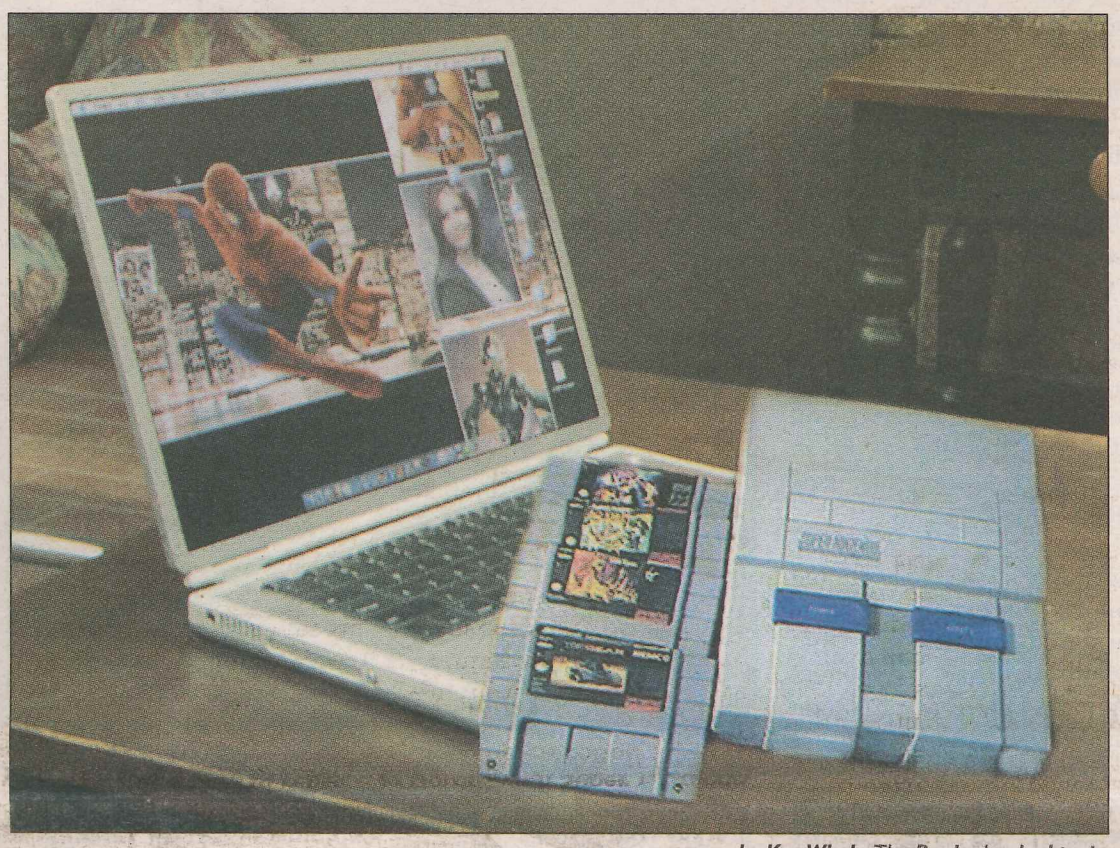
The chimps suggest you get crunked!



The newspaper by the chimps for the University of Wisconsin-Pooptown playaz

Laptops replaced with Super Nintendos

Statler Waldorf



by Kay Whale, The Ba-donka-donktonia

University officials recently announced a new plan to replace all laptops with Super Nintendo gaming consoles. Studies have shown that those who play video games eat less poisonous cacti.

Marking the close of the laptop initiative's second year, the University of Wisconsin-Stout has completed a program evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the laptops as learning tools. Through copious amounts of research, the university has decided that the program has been ineffective as implemented.

This came at the same time UW-Stout learned they will not be able to sell the laptops to students as promised.

"We were hoping that the students would just be apathetic as they are with every other important issue on campus," said Telli Nglies, Director of Wasting Precious Resources at UW-Stout. "But we have thought through the program and come up with a solution that appeases all parties involved."

In a late-night meeting, UW-Stout officials struck a deal with Washington-based Nintendo of America to replace the Compaq laptops with Super Nintendo gaming consoles.

"I believe this is a move in the positive direction for the students of UW-Stout," said Nglies. "We will be providing them with machines more effective at improving sensorimotor performance, as well as making them happier with what we provide them."

Recent psychological studies have shown a positive correlation between playing video games and faster reaction times, as well as a negative correlation between playing video games and the consumption of poisonous potted cacti.

"I think this is a great idea," said Overed Ucated, an associate professor of absolutely nothing worthwhile. "Even though the students will be playing games in class, at least it will only be one game at a time.

"This is much more desirable than what they were doing with the laptops: instant messaging, online poker, e-mail, pornographic movies and worst of all, classwork."

Despite concerns that the new Nintendo systems will not be adding to the learning environment, the change is being praised as a step in the right direction by the administration.

"Having these pieces of equipment will distract the students from the classroom even worse than the laptops did," said Realin Telligence, a professor of requiring abstract thought. "The laptops were the worst idea ever to facilitate learning, but this is just obscene and a more wasteful abuse of student money than the laptops."

In order to make up for the cost difference between the laptops and the Nintendo systems, UW-Stout raised tuition $1,200 per semester for the e-Scholar students. Although the Nintendo systems are less expensive than the laptops, the tuition hike was necessary to make up for the "extra special" features, being kept secret by the UW-Stout administration.

"I think the best thing is that this amazing 8-bit sound is so much better than what the laptops had," said Absen Tminded, a junior in making seven dollars an hour for life. "I feel like UW-Stout is really looking out for my needs as a student, and I feel so much more fulfilled after class."

Though the new policy is controversial, it is set to be implemented immediately and all students should immediately bring their archaic laptop to the women's bathroom on the fourth floor of Keith Hall. There will be technical representatives available to issue your new Nintendo, and Chucky will be cowering in stall two.

Wake up UW-Stout! The fleece is descending by the hands of deception, and your eyes are the only object of desire.

Ninjas 'attack' FCC, others

Ninjas feel stereotyped, typecast in games, movies

Michael Knight

A class-action lawsuit was filed Wednesday against Tecmo, the FCC and Disney alleging to their use of stereotypes and typecasts when portraying ninjas.

The Society for Liberation of Ninja Stereotypes (SNLS) is the organization behind the $100 million lawsuit.

Bill Swarsky, spokesperson for SLNS, said Wednesday that Ninjas are fed up with mass media's portrayals of ninjas screaming, clinging to walls, killing robots and pirates, and kicking henchmen in the face.

"Only a small percentage of ninjas actually do these types of things," said Swarsky. "Like the 30,000 members in our organization, I am just a regular ninja who works a 9-5 job at the mill and goes to the pub afterward for a brew or two."

The lawsuit was triggered by a recent Tecmo videogame release called Ninja Gaiden. The first-person slice-'em up action game depicts the life of a Ninja, which includes killing bats, monsters and the evil "boss" at the end of each level. Ryu, the main character, only carries sais, swords and secret ninja elixirs to insure his survival.

UW-Stout student and SLNS member Ryan Corrado hides the fact that he has ninja blood.

"All my friends play that stupid ninja game," said Corrado. "It just pisses me off when they ask me to play—and I don't, because I think the game is wrong—and then they call me a Sally for not playing. If I

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Stewart decorates dorms

Term may be shortened depending on quality of job

Ben Dover

Martha Stewart has been granted temporary relief from her confining metal bars to become a contributor to the University of Wisconsin-Stout's community. Stewart has been hired to decorate each dorm room on campus.

"I don't know what's a worse penalty," said Stewart in a press release. "I mean, I'd chose life behind bars to decorating those [expletive deleted] dorms."

Stewart was actually court-ordered the job of decorating the dorms as community service. With her cooperation and good behavior, Judge John Q. Watson expects that Stewart will be released early from her sentence.

"I foresee a reduction in her term," said Watson. "If she's a good girl she may see daylight and breath free-woman's air in 90 years."

Three adjudicators, Katy Lichenstein, Gina Barely and Christin Rank, have been appointed to monitor Stewart's every move, and it is up to them whether Stewart receives any further community service requirements or not.

"If Martha [Stewart] does a sucky job at it, she'll just get penalized further," said Lichenstein.

Lichenstein has stated her loath of the Martha Stewart Living show and said that she throws mud at her television when the show comes on the screen.

"We don't care if she has to

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Wal-Mart smiley is a druggie

Bill Gates

Juan-Francisco Montoya, a.k.a. the highly popularized Wal-Mart "Smiley Face" was arrested on Saturday, March 27 in a sting operation orchestrated by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and FBI outside Montoya's home in Atlanta, Ga.

Law enforcement officials seized over $80 million worth of cocaine and ecstasy, as well as a vast assortment of hallucinogens, inhalants and designer drugs. It was the first time a registered trademark had been charged with a federal offense since the Count Chocula murder spree of 1998.

In a press conference following the arrest, DEA spokesperson Lisa Nemitz explained that Montoya will face numerous counts of drug trafficking, and if convicted the jubilant illustration could be sentenced to life in prison.

"Let's just say that it will be a long time before our suspect can 'put on a happy face,'" she stated, chuckling wildly at her own joke.

Nemitz also cited the discovery of a crude "drug hodgepodge" consisting of heroin, acid and methamphetamine, which the suspect apparently used as an anal suppository while rolling back prices.

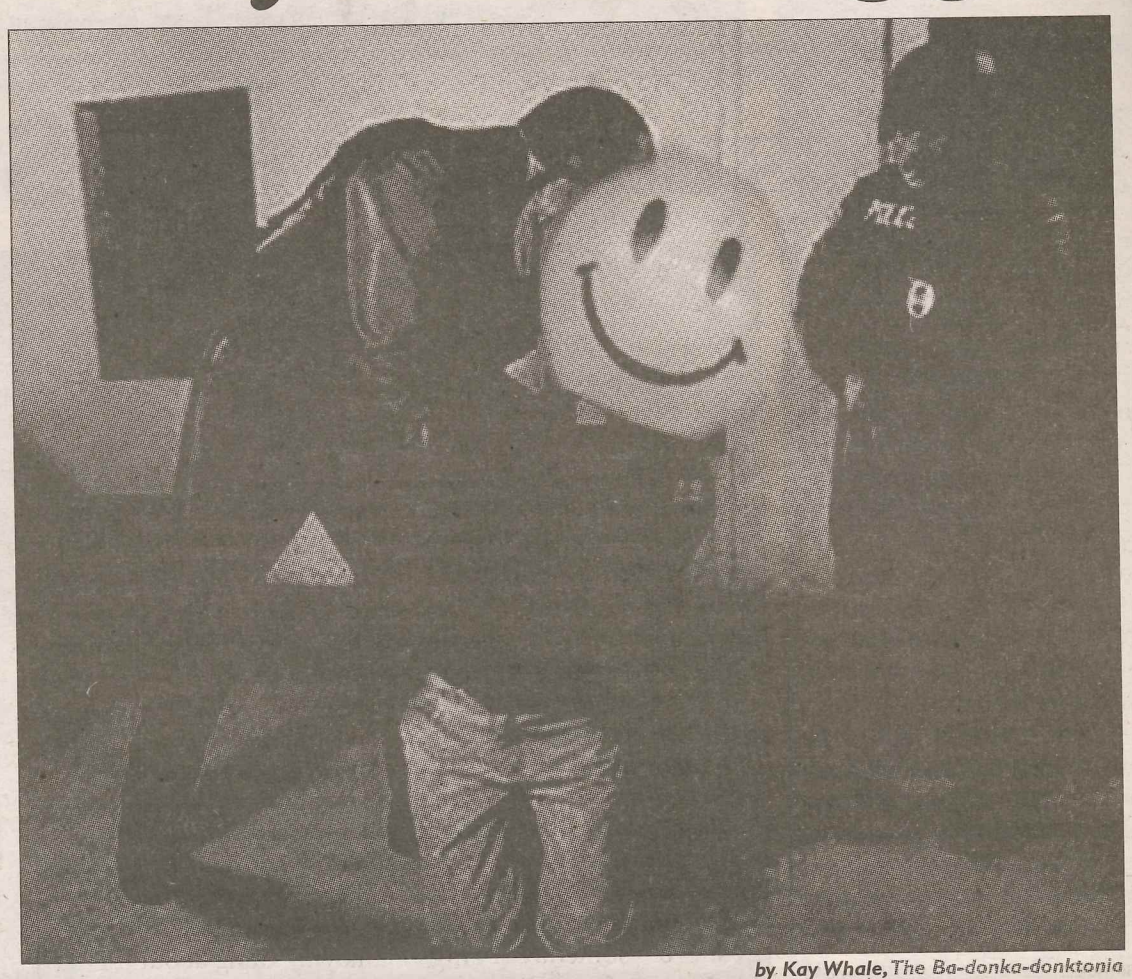
FBI Agent Robert McInerny described Montoya's condition at the time of his capture.

"His head had bloated to the size of a beach ball – his face bright yellow with jaundice. And his pupils…his pupils were so dilated that his eyes looked like oblong, black discs," McInerny recalled. "When he realized that he had been set up, he launched into this savage frenzy and started screaming at us in some sort of crazy language he invented."

Andrew Ladner, Montoya's lawyer, attributed his client's bewildering oral outburst to the fact that Montoya "had consumed enough LSD that afternoon to kill a small horse."

Ladner went on to allege that Montoya was beaten senseless by his captors because he wouldn't "wipe the smile off his face."

Wal-Mart's stock plummeted as soon as word of the corporate mascot's incarceration hit Wall Street.



by Kay Whale, The Ba-donka-donktonia

Juan-Francisco Montoya, the famed Wal-Mart "Smiley Face," was arrested for possession of narcotics. Montoya is the first registered trademark to be charged with a federal offense since 1998.

"Investors simply can't trust a firm that allows strung-out dope fiends to run around the store lowering prices all willy-nilly," explained market analyst Cheryl Moore.

In an attempt to reassure stockholders, Wal-Mart executives announced that they will be introducing a new ad campaign featuring professional boxer Mike Tyson. The campaign, entitled "Takin' a Bite out of Prices," is scheduled to launch by June 1.

Ninjas / SNLS protests stereotypes

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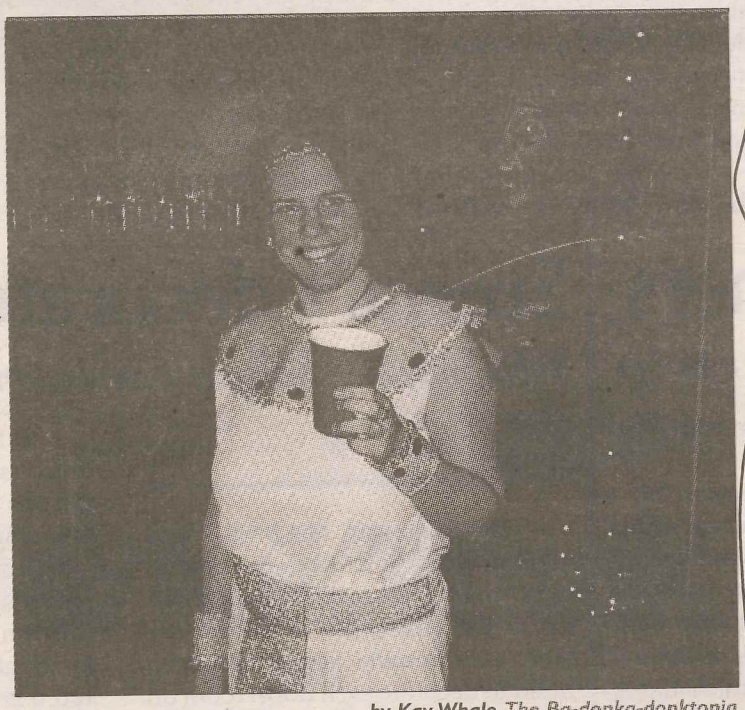
told them I was a Ninja, they wouldn't be my friends, for obvious reasons."

Corrado belongs to the Stout chapter of SNLS, which has approximately 45 student members. For the last five years, the Stout chapter has held Ninja Awareness Day on July 12, which falls in the month in which we celebrate Ninja Rights.

The UW-Stout chapter actively protested the October 10 release of Kill Bill at the Cinemagic Theater on Hwy 25. The Stoutonia, of course, was there for the breaking news story.

"The Stout chapter of SNLS was present protesting the new Kill Bill movie," said Anne Garvey, a senior in public relations who was witness to the protests. "The protesters said that the movie inaccurately depicted ninjas because it showed ninjas slaying everyone in sight.

"This was pretty ironic though, because while they were protesting, they were lopping off heads of customers who were watching the movie."



by Kay Whale, The Ba-donka-donktonia

A ninja attacks an unsuspecting party-goer last Halloween. The Society for the Liberation of Ninjas is suing Tecmo, the FCC and Disney.

With Kill Bill coming out in a few months, it will be interesting to see how the nation reacts to the SNLS protests.

"All we want is to be looked at as the same as everyone else. We don't make fun of anyone that has pirate ancestors," said Swarsky. "We just hope someday we can openly admit that we have ninja blood without being looked down upon."

It's Chimps!!!

Dorms / Inmate touch

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redecorate every crappy dorm in this hick state," said Barely. "If we don't approve of her efforts, she'll keep on decorating."

Rank did not comment about her upcoming assignment, but has stated that she adores Stewart and watches her show religiously.

"I love how she makes things pretty," Rank stated.

These adjudicators have degrees in interior design, as well as previous experience in judging pie contests and two have experience with hoe-downs.

"I think it's crazy that they got Martha Stewart to decorate our dorms," said Elisha Mackmerishtinline a freshman at UW-Stout. "I mean, I didn't think that the dorms were crappy enough to resort to Martha!"

Benjamin Jooglebufferman, a super-senior in apparel and design, is excited about Martha's arrival here on campus.

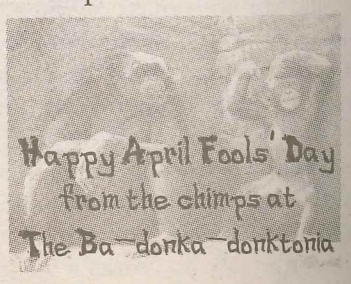
"I think she's spectacular!" Jooglebufferman said. "I can't wait to see what she does. Oh, I hope I get her autograph!"

Stewart has already begun planning the decorating. Sources close to her, and we mean close, say her cell walls are covered with magazine clippings of rooms and matching colors of notes, amongst her napkin holders made from toilet paper rolls and toothpaste.

When asked to comment on the decorating plans, Stewart responded in her usual way.

"I'm trying to make a salad! I want to talk about my salad."

She later amended that, "What I meant to say was that a genius cannot be rushed, and my vision is too great to be leaked to the public simpletons."



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Worth Hearing Never

Why'd the Stout student cross the road?

Cause.

We Suck



HAPPY APART
Billy Jolie

So the other day I picked up the latest issue of The Stoutonia and I had a sudden realization of sorts. The Stoutonia really sucks.

Now I know what you're thinking, and no, I haven't been drinking or smoking crack. I'm going against the majority here and being honest.

What if people idolize The Stoutonia? What if each week they come out with a flawless paper that leaves tears in the eyes of graduating seniors and stars in the eyes of young students who dream of someday being able to write for such a magnificent paper?

Newsflash: this paper sucks.

First off, I want to know what kind of a paper prints with no comics. After sweeping through the last issue, I realized that there are absolutely no comics in our whole paper. Don't be fooled by the page with drawings and words on it. Someone accidently gave some freshman a package of markers.

Speaking of drawings, have you ever wondered just why there are so many words and almost no pictures in the paper? Okay, I know this whole "written language" trend is sweeping the nation, but am I the only one who knows it's just a passing phase?

Whatever happened to picture papers? You get so much more out of them. They don't give you the headache with all the words and you don't have to be sober to understand the point. Then people won't rag on you about misspelled this and incorrect that. You can't get sued over a picture of a pretty puppy drooling on himself, or a UW-Stout male drooling on himself either, for that matter.

Which brings up another annoying thing about this so called "paper," where are all the stories on how to get into bars with a fake ID, the alerts with students who carry the most STDs, and the newsflashes about how to avoid the latest panty thief and everyday campus bomber?

This is irresponsible journalism at its best. Stoutonia - ha! It's more like Craptonia. No pictures, no puppies or males drooling carelessly in the wind, no nudity, no invitations to campus wide drunken fests, honestly, and they call themselves a paper.

The Stoutonia won't remain on top forever. There will come a time, as long as it may take, when one of the writers is going to make a mistake. They will spell something wrong, quote the wrong person or get incorrect information for the first time ever in one of their articles. When they do, I'll be right there to tell everyone that once again, I was right.

But for now, I'm stuck writing for a paper that really bites the big one. And I'm okay with that. It's bad pay and crappy bosses. The way I see it, I'm just bracing myself for the real world.



Letters to the Editor

What is that smell

Recently I was out for a walk on the shores of Lake Menomin and I saw a couple of dead fish.

They really smelt terrible and I walked away.

Thanks,
Bradley Connor

Great work

It's amazing to see how well done this newspaper is. Every week you guys put together a paper that makes the students at Stout a little less bored, and hey, that's all we want and expect.

As a student who also works I know how hard it can be to get your real work done and then have to go home and finish homework.

So thanks for all the new and interesting stuff you guys put out on a weekly basis. Thanks.

Matt Dodge

Mr. Dodge,

You are obviously on drugs. We basically get one thing right a week, and that is if we are lucky.

Honestly dude, lay off the smack.

Dwayne Johnson
Opinions Editor

Mexico equals awesome



BAD SHORTS
Not Matt Schubbe

Let me preface this article by saying that it is probably the strangest one I have ever written. Period. Some of you loyal readers out there may be thinking "But how could Matt push the envelope any farther than he already has?" Read on, and you'll find out.

This article is mainly about what I did over my spring break. And, knowing that most spring break-related articles are titled "Mexico=Awesome" and other such things, my spring break activities go to a road less traveled, if not to a road that nobody has touched. This is due to the fact that on my spring break, I decided to conquer outer space.

Now, because I'm a poor college student, I needed to find the cheapest way to get into space, and ultimately: the moon. As NASA was out of the question, and I couldn't call up my old pal Lance Bass for advice, I decided to build my own rocket in my back yard.

I needed this rocket to be made out of the cheapest material possible, and being that my yard is full of trees, I cut down most of them to make a wooden rocket.

As far as fuel goes, since the rocket is made of wood, I figured I would just equip the inside of the ship with a wood-burning stove and use pieces of the rocket to power it. That way I don't waste anything.

Now, because my rocket is chiefly a non-mechanical structure, I had to think of a way to land this thing without having to engineer some complicated landing mechanism.

I decided to look to the creatures of nature for inspiration, and after a failed walrus-based landing gear design, I stumbled upon nature's landing gear - Ferrets.

I noticed one day that you never see a ferret leave the ground and their stomachs are always very low to the ground. Upon further analysis, I found the cause for this to be a chemical produced by ferret fur, which I have come to call "gravitron".

So, all logistical problems aside, I was finally ready to go to the moon. I blasted off from the Twin Cities nothing but a camera, a crate of ferrets and the Partridge Family Christmas album - just in case I got bored.

When I finally arrived to the moon, there really wasn't much to see. I checked out the first moon landing, and played moon Frisbee with my Partridge Family record. I actually ended up breaking the record in the process, sorry David Cassidy.

After that, I attempted reentry procedures, which proved to be more complicated than I had anticipated. Due to a miscalculation in the ferret-to-wood ration of the ship, I didn't have enough ferrets to make a safe landing. Luckily, I still had the jacket for my broken Partridge Family record and was able to use it as a parachute.

That's about it. After that, I pretty much slept for a whole day and headed back to UW-Stout. What did I learn from all of this? Well, next year I might just write a spring break article called "Mexico=Awesome" or some such thing.

Student Life

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The STD you want to get

Bimsy Doozy

You go to a doctor because you've been feeling kind of weird. You've lost incredible amounts of weight and all of your private parts have enlarged in size. You've also been peeing unusual amounts. You get a note from your doctor in the mail, and it tells you exactly what you want to hear. "Congratulations! You've caught the Peeing Punany Sexually Transmitted Disease" better known as the Peepnun STD.

"Peepnun changed my whole life," said Juanna Dueme, a junior in hospitality, restaurant and tourism management. "I never seemed to be able to get guys before, but since the night with that one random guy, I can pick up any guy I want, provided they know about the STD."

Peepnun STD is a sexually transmitted disease that has amazing effects on the human body. For females, it reduces waist and butt size to a Barbie-like figure, and it increases bust by three cup sizes. While for males, it increases girth by two inches, and length by six.

"I tried getting Peepnun from this one girl like ten times, but no matter how hard we tried I just couldn't get the STD," said Ben Dover, a freshman in psychology. "I think she lied to me and told me she had the STD just so I would sleep with her."

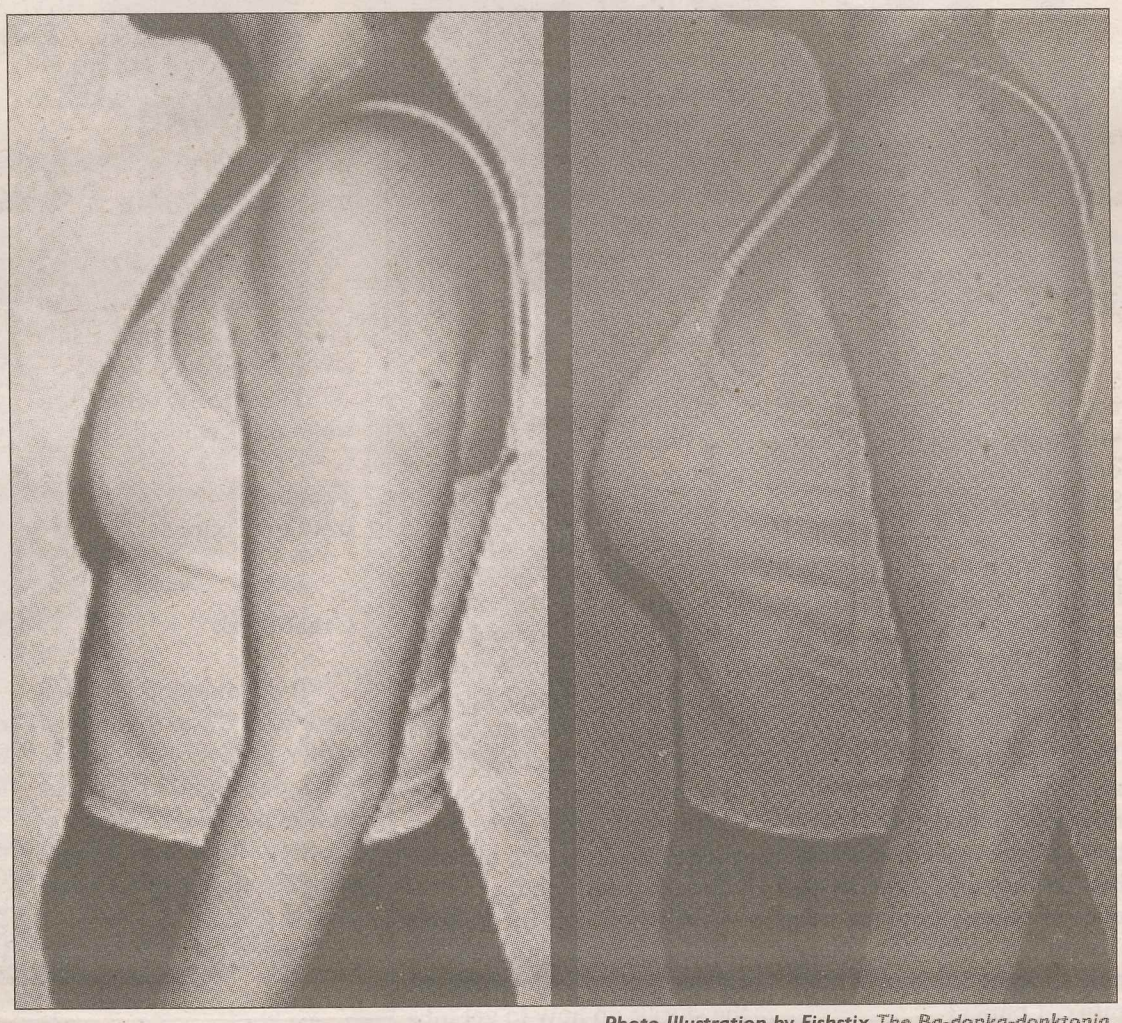


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Students around campus are transforming into supermodels before the school's eyes as more and more contract the Peeing Punany Sexually Transmitted Disease. Large breasts and penises for all.

Peepnun has been slowly taking over the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus since its discovery close to a year ago. The only downside to the STD is the fact that it makes a person pee close to 300 times a day.

"There is medication available to stop the crazy urge to pee," said Gyna O'Cology, a local doctor. "However, the medication then has a reverse effect on the STD, and a female's weight will expand twice the size she was when she contracted the disease, while oddly enough her chest will shrink. For males, the penis shrinks to approximately one inch, while their testicles seem to grow in diameter."

This STD is becoming prevalent amongst UW-Stout students at a quicker rate than any other STD. Although at this time, there are still only 200 official cases filed within the campus.

"I got it last year at the bar," said Dewy Gongi, a senior in packaging engineering. "I saw this really hot chick and thought, 'Hey, I could do her,' and the next morning I couldn't stop peeing."

Gongi said that the best way to spot the disease is to find someone who is really, really, really ridiculously good looking and approach them. Most are willing to share what they have. Some, however, are not.

"I don't want everyone to get Peepnun because if everyone has it, then it's not worth it," said Dueme. "At first I felt dirty. But now, I really feel it's something to be proud of. Peeing Punany is the best thing that's ever happened to me."

Doctors advise patients to be extremely careful when dealing with someone who has contracted Peepnun.

"With the increase in erection, we are seeing far more cases of vaginal discomfort and irritation," said O'Cology. "Men need to learn to use their penises wisely."

The Chancellor had no comment on the current outbreak, although he did send a memo to all teachers discouraging them to sleep with "any of the really, really ridiculously good looking" students.

"I don't see what the big deal is," said Gongi. "I almost feel like I'm doing the community a big favor. Like I'm giving back. Like the other day, I saw the ugliest girl in my life. I felt no shame in getting on her. All I can say now is she will suffer an ugly life no more."

Cure for blue balls found at last; men rejoice

Kay Whale

Guys, imagine never having to deal with the pain of blue balls again. Once wishful thinking, this thought is now a reality. A cure has been found.

Dr. Justin Siderbush of the University of Wisconsin-Stout medical program has finally found a cure for the illness that has plagued man for centuries. A simple suppository called Spunkease that is taken anally will fully erase any effects of blue balls.

"The suppository is a little large now, roughly the size of a regulation college football," said Siderbush, "But we are working to make it smaller."

The cure came last Friday when Squez DeDork, a French exchange student at UW-Stout, came to Dr. Siderbush's lab in excruciating pain.

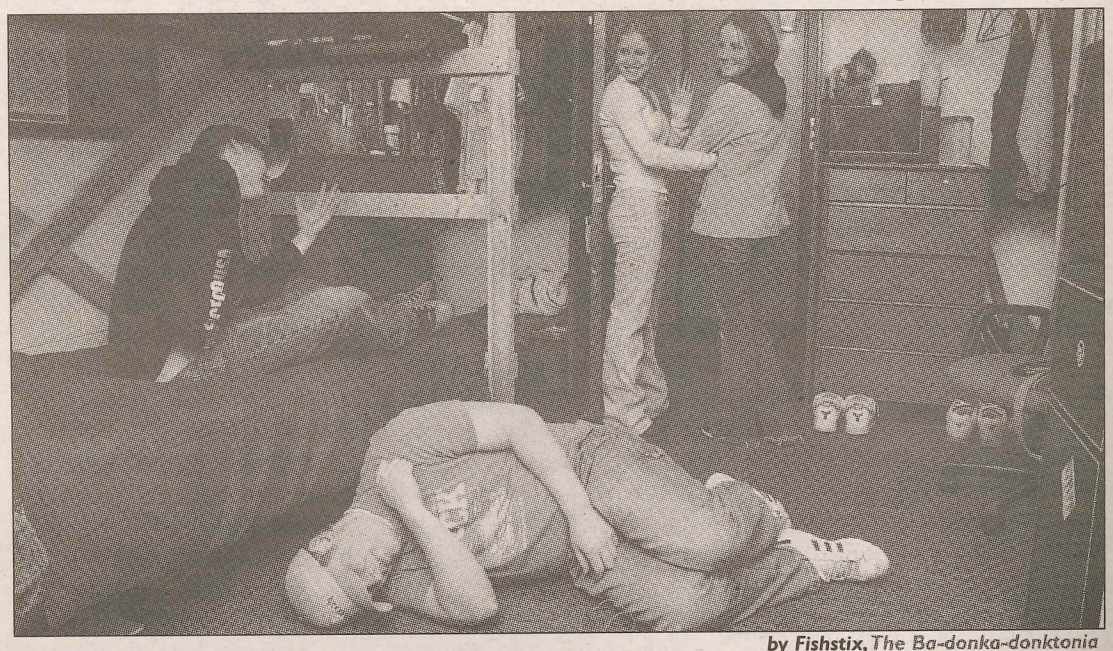
"DeDork came to me begging to try anything to rid the pain," said Siderbush.

DeDork agreed to try Spunkease and in only 15 seconds the pain was completely gone. DeDork stayed for the next 24 hours under the careful watch of Siderbush and the pain never returned.

"We had [DeDork] doing many activities that a man with blue balls normally cannot do. I was amazed at how well it worked," said Siderbush.

DeDork was the first human to try Spunkease. It was previously tested on horses, bulls and elephants with great success.

Spunkease has yet to be approved by the FDA; however, it is scheduled to be released to the general public on May 1, 2004, at a cost of only $200 per pill. The side effects are mild and include: diarrhea, dry mouth, temporary blindness, nocturnal emissions and possibly HIV.



by Fishstix, The Ba-donka-donktonia

Women no longer have to submit themselves to pleasuring males out of sympathy. Spunkease, a recently developed suppository will be introduced to cure symptoms of blue balls.

Besides these minor side effects, Siderbush ensures his product is completely safe and can be taken up to thirteen times per day.

"The suppository stung a little going in, but after that I felt great," said DeDork.

DeDork plans on purchasing a truckload of the pill upon its release to the public.

"This drug saved me from hours of pain." DeDork stated. "This medical breakthrough surely will change men forever."

Student Life

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When domestic squirrels attack

Larva Chunk



Photo Illustration by Eric Iverson, The Ba-donka-donktonia

Thirty-nine partially domesticated squirrels attacked Nick Leao on March 27. He suffers from torn flesh, a broken wrist, twisted ankle and a gouged eyeball. His condition remains critical.

Most students on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus see these furry friends as road kill, but when alive, squirrels aren't as friendly as they may appear. On Saturday, March 27, a UW-Stout senior was a victim of a horrible rampage conducted by Menomonie's very own squirrel population.

Nick Leao, a senior majoring in technology education, was attacked in his home by 39 partially domesticated squirrels. The squirrels belonged to Leao's roommate, Justin Utpadel, a senior majoring in construction. Leao and Utpadel have been living together since June, but Utpadel had been keeping the squirrels secretly.

Prior to moving in, Utpadel arranged the basement as a nesting ground for 45 newborn squirrels. Throughout the past nine months, six squirrels have died due to poor upkeep and air circulation of the basement.

"I'm just thankful that six of those pesty animals croaked," said Bethany Laskaskie, a junior majoring in retail merchandising and management and the victim's girlfriend. "Those additional six squirrels could have killed him. He's not very strong."

On March 27, while home alone, Leao went into the basement for the first time all year. Although the tenants do not normally use the basement, the circuit breaker is located in the basement and Leao needed to fix a blown fuse. While opening the door, Leao was outnumbered 39 to one.

At four in the afternoon, Dustin Hershberger, a junior majoring in service management and the third roommate, discovered Leao at the top of the basement stairs with torn flesh from head to waist, a broken wrist, a twisted ankle and a gouged eyeball.

"When I found Nick, his eyes were closed and he was sucking his thumb calling out for his mom," said Hershberger. "The first thing I could think of doing, besides calling the police, was to peel off the squirrel hair caught underneath his finger nails."

Leao's current status is Urgent Care at the Eau Claire Hospital, and the whereabouts of Utpadel are unknown.

The squirrels were accidently released and have been sighted on south campus. Please contact the Humane Society if you encounter any of these vicious animals.

"Wild" television hostess transfers to UW-Stout

Ho Phat

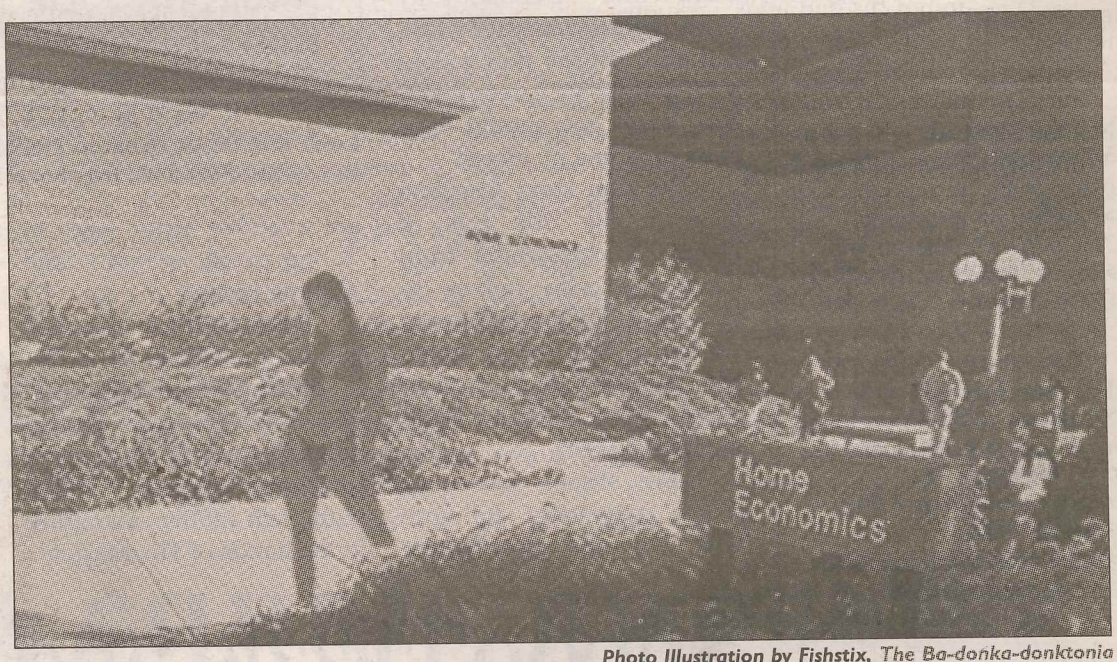


Photo Illustration by Fishstix, The Ba-donka-donktonia

Brooke Burke, ex-hostess of Entertainment Television's show "Wild On" has enrolled in UW-Stout as of January. She wanted to escape the mundane life of Hollywood to live a life of danger.

Since the school opened in 1891, the University of Wisconsin-Stout has been attracting students from all over the entertainment industry. Former graduates include Christina Ricci, John Lennon and Heath Ledger. Ja Rule also attended for a semester, but dropped out when he realized the high cost of being an art student.

Recently, a new famous face has enrolled herself in UW-Stout's business program. Brooke Burke of Hollywood, California began her college career here at the start of the Spring 2004 semester.

"When a friend told me about Stout, I was a little unsure," said Burke. "I knew I would have to leave America behind to travel to the remote country of Wisconsin, and I didn't know if I was ready to make such a trek."

Although Burke was the host of Entertainment Television's show "Wild On," she felt coming to Wisconsin would be much different since it was so much more exotic than the Amazon or Carribean could ever be.

"California and the other places I have been have all been so drab," said Burke. "Menomonie's climate is so unpredictable; you don't know when a gust of wind or a blizzard could come and mess up your hair."

Although this unpredictability can cause people the hassle of carrying around a hairbrush, it also has its upside.

"I guess I am just sick of seeing the sun every day," said Burke. "It just gets boring being warm and half naked all the time, worrying about indecent exposure issues. Now I can concentrate on other things, like how good keg beer tastes."

Burke has only attended two parties thus far, but feels that she has "really gotten to know some people" at the loud, drunken gatherings.

UW-Stout's party atmosphere is just one reason Burke decided to come to this campus, rather than larger schools like Harvard and Chippewa Valley Technical College. Other reasons include the laptop program, the Into the Book program and the high risk that goes along with being a UW-Stout student.

"I have been pretty sheltered all my life, always surrounded by bodyguards and cameras," said Burke. "I wanted to come somewhere where I could get blown up, sexually assaulted, set on fire or have my panties stolen; that is, if I wore panties."

Since Burke has always blended in with the crowd, not many students know she has been attending the school since late January.

"Brooke Burke goes here?" asked Amy Armless, a sophomore in interior design who lives next door to Burke in Curran Hall. "I thought I saw that girl Dana from 'Step-by-Step' once, but not Brooke Burke."

Other students are slightly more excited about her attendance at UW-Stout.

"Now that Brooke Burke goes to Stout, I feel my life has finally reached its climax," said Tommy Toothless, a junior in speech communications. "Graduation, marriage and everything hereafter will simply be falling action until the conclusion of my life story. Death."

Burke respects the fact that some students may want pictures, dates and sexual experiences with her, but she would also like students to treat her like just another Wisconsin cheesehead.

"I just want to fit in," said Burke. "Just because I am famous, gorgeous, rich and an excellent speller, doesn't mean I don't have feelings, too. Take me in Stout students, adopt me and show me your ways."

Burke will be appearing at the Commons on Friday, April 2 for her weekly dinner of a salad and Diet Pepsi.

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Thursday, April 34
>Laptop and textbook burning, 9 a.m., All books and computers welcome, football stadium.

Friday, April 43
>Car rolling, 10:15 a.m., Parking Lot #3.
>MP3 trading, 4 p.m., Pod 3, Micheels Hall

Saturday, April 46
>Strip poker, 7 p.m., Phi Fig Neuton.
>Capture the Quill, 12 a.m., Bowman Hall, Wear dark clothing, ladders and climbing equiptment will be provided.

Sunday, April 57
>Malcolm Baldrige worship service, 9 a.m.
>Laundry with the Chancellor, 2 p.m., South Hall Basement, Alcoholic beverages available upon request.

Monday, April 60
>Barbie kite flying contest, 6 p.m., South Campus Lawn.
>Playboy photography, 7:30 p.m., 232 Applied Arts.
>Jenna Jameson, speaks on STDs, 2:30 p.m., Great Hall.

Tuesday, April 63
>Trekkies vs StarWars fans, trivial pursuit to the death, 3 p.m., the Death Star.
>Historic hanging, 4:20 p.m., Bowman Plaza.
>Bonzi tree trimming, 6:45 p.m., Ballroom B MSC.

Wednesday, April 69
>Fire ball tournment, 1 p.m., at home.
>Cow chip throwing, 5 p.m., Johnson Field.

Thursday, April 72
>Naked bar run, 9 p.m., Runners meet at Shoe's Pub, Spectators line up along Broadway to Main strip.
>Toga Optional Party, 10:22 p.m., The Sorenson Mansion.
>The Bachelor, casting call, 7 p.m., Great Hall.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

Wes "Smack me" Simonis

Dunn County: meet Debbie

Ron Jeremy

From the looks of things, next year's Academy Awards might as well be called off: "Debbie Does Dunn County" is already a clear winner in every conceivable category.

It is no secret that prolific producer Jerry Bruckheimer's decision to "branch off" into directing was met with skepticism from both Hollywood and critics alike, but his new film has obliterated whatever mistakes the producer of "Con Air" and "Pearl Harbor" may have made in the past. "Debbie" is a masterpiece of the highest order.

"We could have a new Orson Welles on our hands," said Roger Ebert, critic for the Chicago Sun-Times. "I know: I judged his former movies as harshly as anybody else. In fact, when I went into 'Debbie,' my expectations were pretty low, but all I can say now is kiss your producing career goodbye, Jerry! You should have been directing all along!"

The film stars Angelina Jolie in the title role of Debbie, a cheerleader from California who moves to Wisconsin's Dunn County. At first a fish out of water, she quickly finds herself caught in a web of local intrigue and sex.

Jolie shines in every scene, delivering dialogue with all the nonchalant grace of her prior roles in "Gone in 60 Seconds" and "Taking Lives."

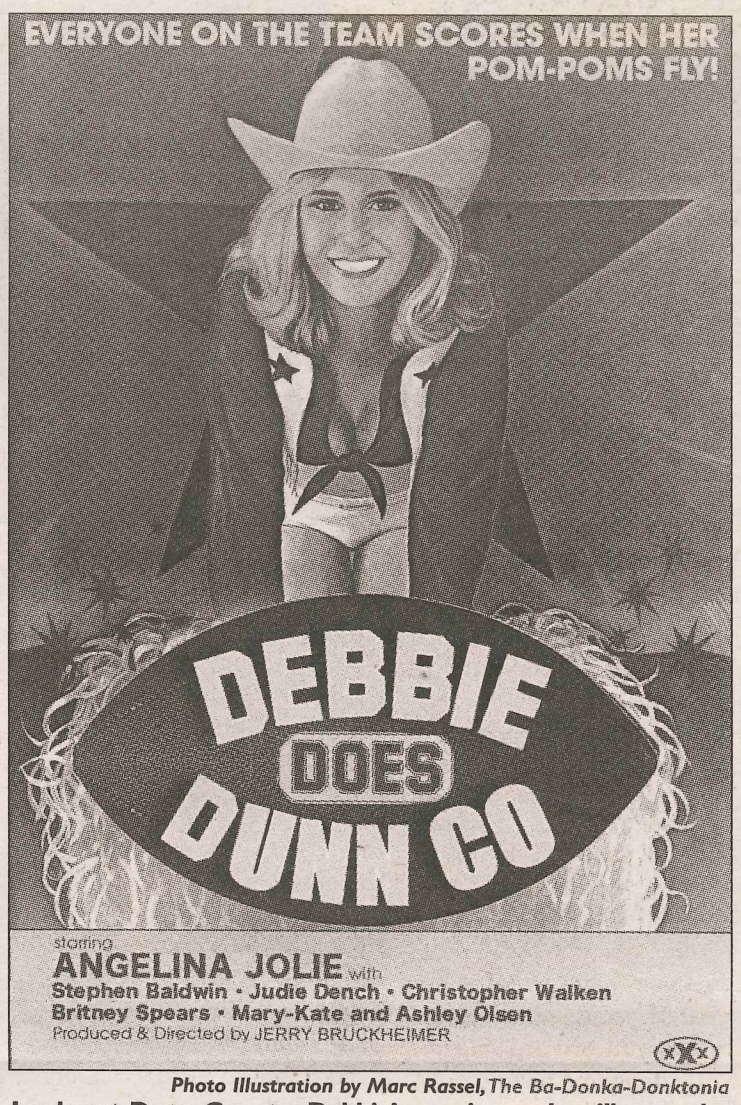


Photo Illustration by Marc Rassel, The Ba-Donka-Donktonia
Look out Dunn County...Debbie's coming and we'll never be the same. Need we say more? You get the drift.

What could have seemed gaudy or overdone by another director—like, for example, any director Bruckheimer worked with as a producer—instead works with great subtlety and grace in the hands of The Master.

"What I wanted to do," said Bruckheimer, "was move in a different direction from the films I had produced. I didn't want something busting with gratuitous action and violence.

"When I saw 'Debbie Does Dallas,' a classic film of the seventies that had been recommended to me by a friend, I realized the film could be easily remade and still be relevant to a post-9/11 world."

When asked what drew him to the project, Bruckheimer responded, "It's a timeless rags to riches story of great tenderness and beauty."

He added, "That, and there's lots of bouncing exposed genitalia."

The supporting cast is as perfect as the leading actress and direction. If the Oscars are indeed held, then the Best Supporting category will be a toss-up between these shining talents.

Stephen Baldwin nearly steals the show in his turn as County Supervisor Chip Chutney. Judie Dench plays the omnipotent Madame with great wit and skill.

And as always, Christopher Walken enjoys himself thoroughly with an eyebrow-raising Irish police sergeant.

Other standouts include Britney Spears as Debbie's best friend Tina, and Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen as the heart-of-gold hookers "Tee" and "A."

With such complete success to his name, what's next for Hollywood's newest Golden Boy?

"Well," said Bruckheimer, "I've taken a long look at the script for 'Gigli 2,' and I see some real possibilities. I guess you'll just have to wait and see."

Snoop Dizzle and Kenny Gee Whiz

Larva Chunk

As the image of 1990's gangsta rap, Snoop Dogg, blurred the lines between reality and fiction with his varied, crisp rhyming and violent lyrics, Kenny G dazzled his audience with his musical style that has been called smooth, soulful, melodic and romantic.

Joining for the first time ever, these two #1 artists will be touring together showcasing their "past but not forgotten" #1 albums. Snoop Dogg's LP debuted at #1 containing two Top 10 pop hits: "What's My Name?" and "Gin And Juice."

"Miracles," album of saxophone genius Kenny G now a holiday classic, was released in 1994 and shattered a long standing record to become the biggest selling holiday album in history and the only holiday album to reach #1 on the Billboard Album Chart in three decades.

As the title, "Miracles", suggests, this brand new album is by far the ultimate collection of Kenny G music, specifically designed for lovers of the masters beautiful instrumentation. Kenny G is the best selling instrumentalist in the world, with an astonishing 70 million records sold during an illustrious career that spans two decades; Snoop Dogg is not far behind.

Don't miss the premiere tour of these renowned artists. Whatever your flavor, you'll be sure to catch a piece of it with this line-up. For questions on show times in your area call the Ticket-Hotline at 1-800-278-JAZZ or 1-489-278-RAPP. Be sure to visit our website to view ticket prices: www.tickethotline.com/Kenny&Dogg/forever.

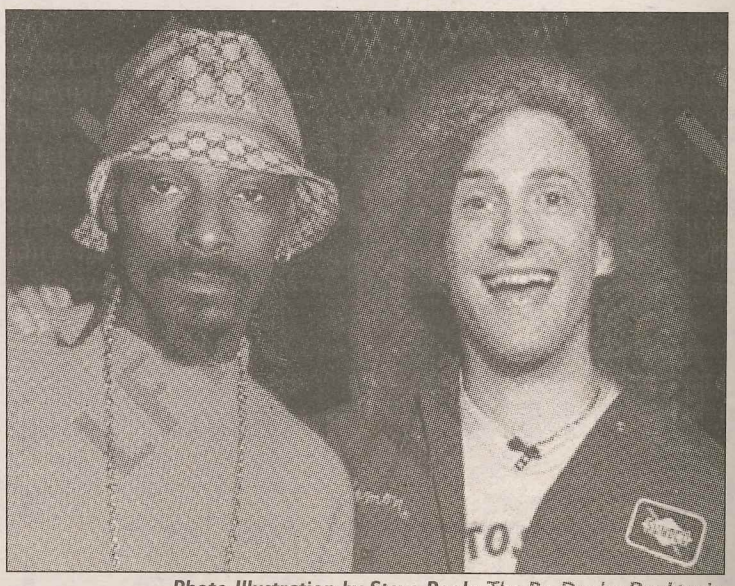


Photo Illustration by Steve Poole, The Ba-Donka-Donktonia
Snoop Dogg and Kenny G pose in Spain. The new dynamic duo is teaming up to bring the best of two genres into our homes.

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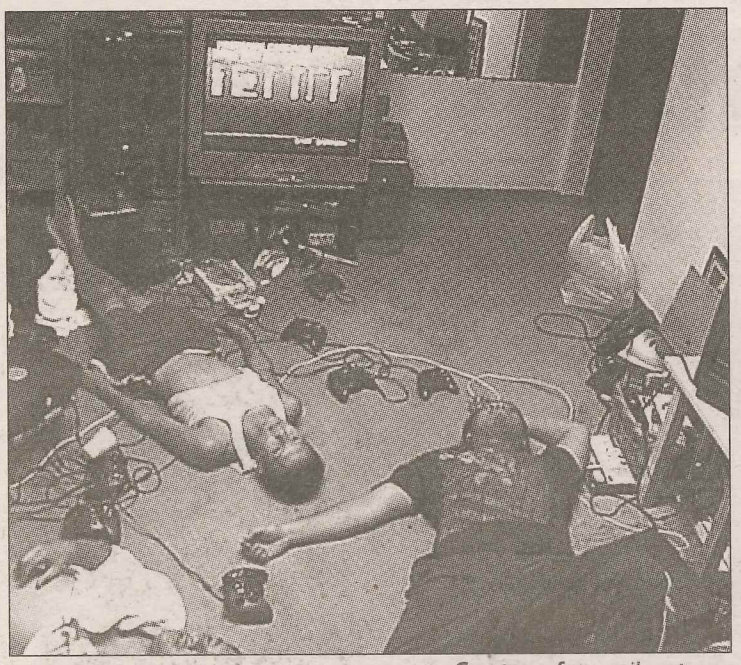
Thrilling video game becomes addicting

Statler Waldorf

A new form of video game is taking the nation by storm. In a sense, these games could be described as role-playing games with a simple objective. Playstation 2, Xbox and Gamecube have all hopped on board with this new craze.

The game that started it all was Pick Up Stix 1.0, which was released last month on the Playstation 2 console. The game resembles the original, which many of us played while growing up. The objective is to pick up the sticks without disrupting the pile. This may sound boring to some, but the numbers from Sony prove otherwise. Sony's profit margin has exploded since the release of the game, moving up 5.6 points in the stock market. This explosion may be accredited to the amazing graphics in the game.

"I love the multiplayer mode," said Jake Cook, a freshman in dentistry. "The flash round, called pick up quik stix, is what my roommate and I have been addicted to for the past month. You just can't beat it."



Courtesy of www.vibeart.com

It's the sticks!!! These crazy tykes are pooped after hours of scrambling in the quik stix round. After the nap it's on to legos.

After the release of Pick Up Stix 1.0, Gamecube fought back with its release of Virtual Sandbox. In this cutting-edge game, players can choose from a variety of tools to play in the sand. The game has plenty of different modes, which include sandbox mode, beach mode and kitty litter mode.

"The people at Gamecube have essentially recreated sand play," said gamer Bryan Millard, a senior in videogame technology. "The game is able to mimic the same artistic and playful feelings one would have while playing in the sand, without the sand-in-your-crotch feeling most of us have after a day at the beach. They even put in those cool crane things, which let you move sand from one area to the other."

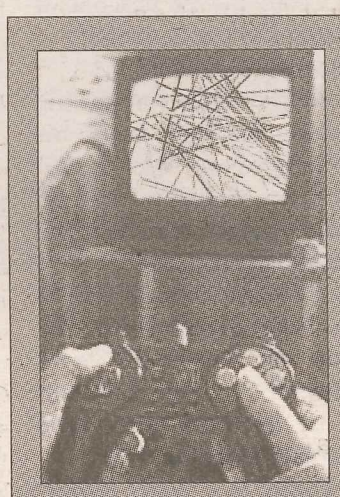
Not to be outdone, Microsoft Xbox came out with its highly awaited release of Legos 3-D. With the purchase of this game, the user receives a 5000 brick, virtual variety pack with assorted shapes and colors. This allows novice users to start building houses, train stations and other common buildings. It gets interesting after this stage. Players can download additional bricks from Xbox's online feature, Xbox Live, for a low price of 99 cents per brick. This allows users to build castles, pirate ships, robots and roads.

Once the user has established a well-planned community, whether it is a pirate island, a space village or an urban setting, the player can start downloading and buying Lego people to populate the community.

After communities are set up, players can wage war on other communities through the online battle mode. In this mode, the user plays the role of the human in charge of the Lego communities. You can feed the opponent's citizens to a virtual dog, throw cars and buildings down a flight of stairs or just simply start the village on fire. Keep in mind that style points are given to the player who demolishes the opponent's community in the most creative way.

"Legos 3-D is the best game since Grand Theft Auto," said Doug Stevens," a senior in learning how to read good. "It has all the videogame violence I crave, and my mom lets me play it because I'm killing Lego people, which aren't real people."

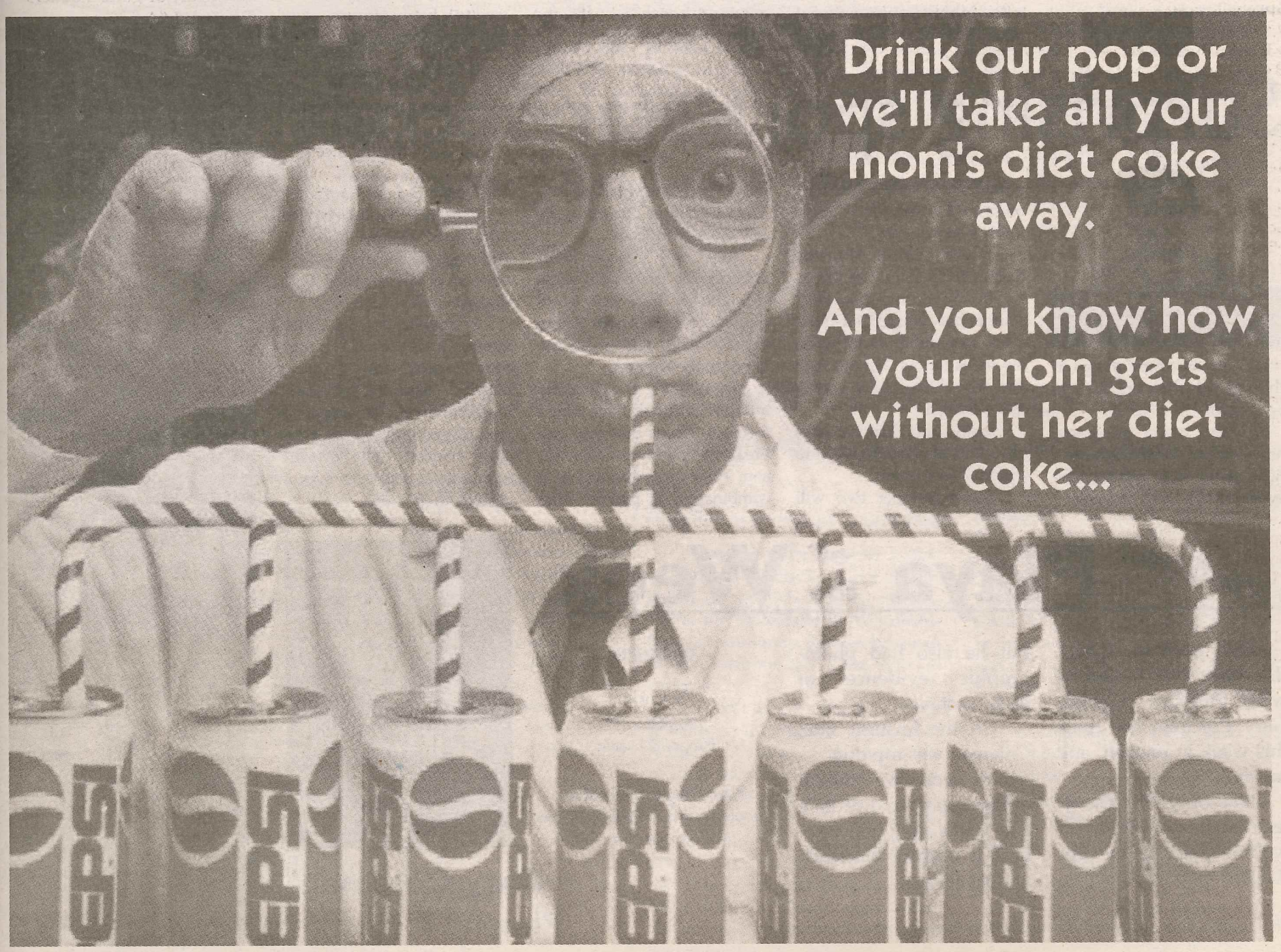
Watch out for new releases from Playstation 2 and Gamecube to compete with Legos 3-D. Rumor has it that Playstation 2 is coming out with Virtual Jenga, and Gamecube is in the development stage of a new game, Burning Ants with Magnifying Glasses.



Pick up Sticks

★★★★½

Mind Blowing



Sports

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Brew crew meets Cosby

Hollywood Heartbreaker

The Milwaukee Brewers are finally starting to put the pieces of the puzzle together.

The Brewers have finally landed the "biggest man in the game" so to speak.

During his college years, Bill Cosby played baseball as a Badger at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Cosby was in the starting pitching rotation from his sophomore to his senior years at Madison, but an elbow sprain benched the comedian/pitcher.

"I have always had a love and passion for the game of baseball," said Cosby. "I love baseball almost as much as I love chocolate pudding."

Today at a press conference in Miller Park, the Brewer's general manager, Doug Melvin, introduced Bill Cosby as the Milwaukee Brewers new pitching and clubhouse pranks coach.

The announcement put the media in a stir as to how a comedian could coach a baseball team.

"Too many people underestimate the coaching ability of this man," said Melvin. "Nobody wants to remember how he straigtened Theo Huxtable out."

With this new addition, the Brewers will be having more nationally televised games, which will bring in a new fan base and the recognition of Jerry Seinfield.

"The secret to creating a good pitcher is lots of Jell-O and pudding," said Cosby to a perplexed crowd. "Plus every pitcher will be issued a new sweater every week."

Cosby's "eating the pudding" technique involves a diet of nearly straight pudding with some Jell-O in order to increase weight and energy. The diet has been proven effective, but only in limited portions. Cosby is the only man to know these portions. After spending years secretly coaching college and eating pudding Cosby is in tip-top condition.

After a season with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, Cosby received the chance to turn pro.

Since his comedy career was nothing but commercial, and "Kids say the Darndest things," Cosby took the pitching coach job for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Brewer fans can look forwad to a funny pitching squad and players in sweaters.

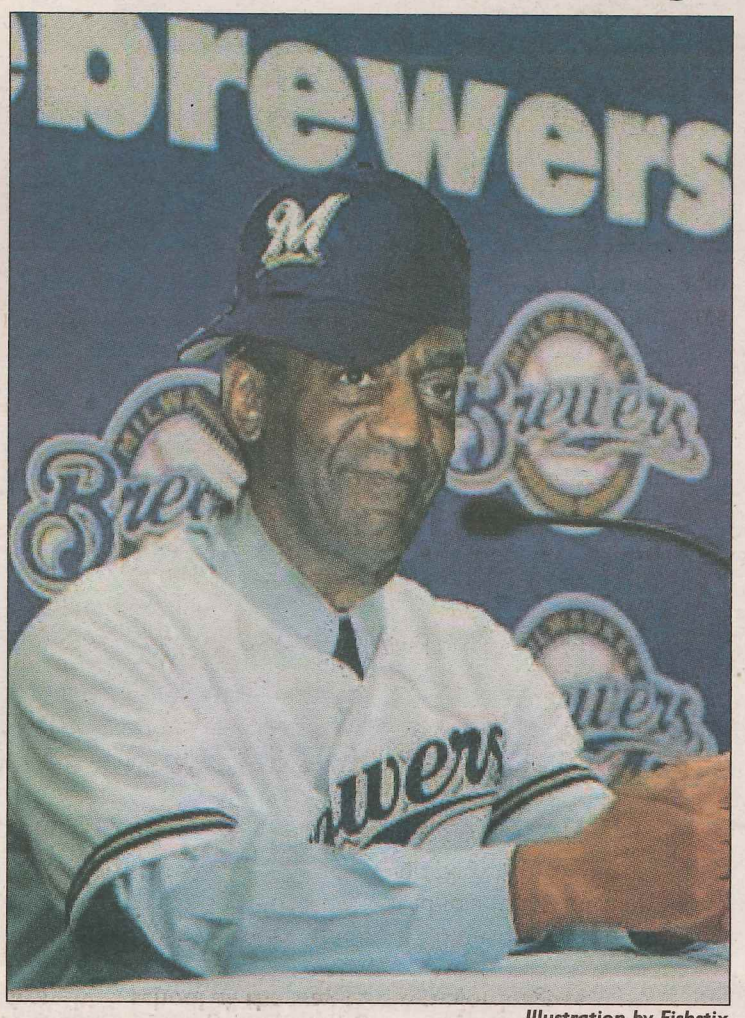


Illustration by Fishstix

Bill Cosby's eating the pudding technique has helped pitchers from high school all the way to the major leagues.

Surprising sport star secrets



NOTANYMORE
Benifer Afpez

There are some things in this world that are left to be unsaid.

In the world of sports, however, we all have assumptions about all of our favorite sports stars and teams; I would like to shed a little light on some the bitter facts about today's sports stars.

It starts with Houston Rocket's superstar, Yao Ming.

In a recent discovery, sources have found that Yao is guilty of putting platforms on his shoes to gain height. And you thought he really was 7-feet 4-inches.

Sadly, once Yao removes his platforms he is reduced to a mere 7-feet 1-inch.

Secret number two will surely get your blood boiling. The Milwaukee Brewers actually are a farm team.

Yes, this season their chances for the crown were lost quicker than ever since they are nothing more than a triple A team that gives any talent to the Yankees.

In the NFL, the Chargers and the Cardinals have joined forces in hopes that they can break the .500 mark this season. Their uniforms will be a combination of powder blue and bright red. Go Cardgers.

This last shocker involves our friend Dennis Rodman. Although he has been out the news as of late, even he has a skeleton in his closet.

It appears that Rodman wanted to get his face on the new can of Campbell's "chunky" soup. Unfortunately, Campbell's was afraid that a man who calls himself "The Worm" would deter people from purchasing their soup.

Stoutonia's Playa of the Week

Only a few mack daddies have ever pulled off what pint-size celebrity Gary Coleman has done this week in pimpin' and hustlin'.

Not only did the 4-feet 6-inch actor bring six women back to his Los Angles pad this week, but he also had photographic evidence of each "instance."

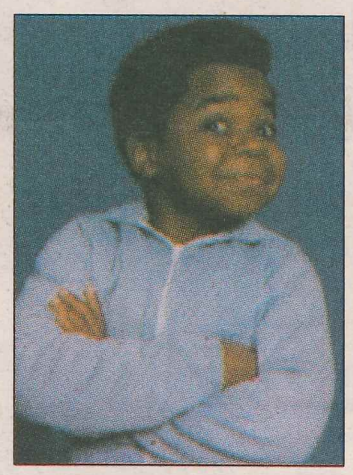
On the hustlin' side, Coleman was top dog.

He won five million dollars playing dice in a Las Vegas alley and doubled it playing blackjack and roulette.

The Facts:

a junior
Las Vegas, NA
Pimpin' & Hustlin'

Played the ladies like they should be and hustled the game like a hustler should.



Gary Coleman
Pimpin' & Hustlin'

The Stoutonia honors this performance by someone who is totally not hot.

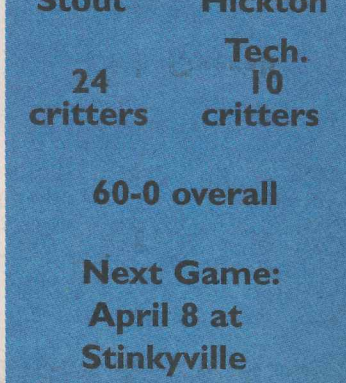
BLUE Snorebored DEVIL

Lawn Darts

Stout	Harvard
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Candyland

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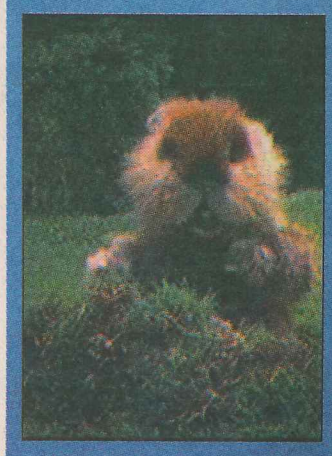
Next Game: April 15 hosting Edgewood pre-school

Critter Beatin'

Stout	Hickton Tech.
24 critters	10 critters

60-0 overall

Next Game: April 8 at Stinkyville



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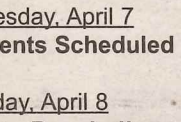
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Thursday, April 1
APRIL FOOL'S DAY
>Dry Rides, 10 p.m.- 2 a.m. Delta Zeta 231-7592.
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m. Acoustic Café.
>Passion Panel, 7 p.m., Cedar/Maple Rooms, MSC.

Friday, April 2
>Clown academy, 9:30 a.m., Chippewa Falls Area Senior Center.



Saturday, April 3
>Model train show, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Menomonie High School Fieldhouse, 1715 5th St., Menomonie. $5.
>Wheelchair basketball, 11:00 a.m., West Gym, Johnson Field House, $10/team or $4/individual.
>Spring Home Show, Dunn County Rec. Park

Sunday, April 4
>Spring Home Show, Dunn County Rec. Park
>Model train show, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Menomonie High School Fieldhouse, 1715 5th St., Menomonie. $5.

Monday, April 5
>Cow Chip Throwing, 5 p.m., Johnson Field.

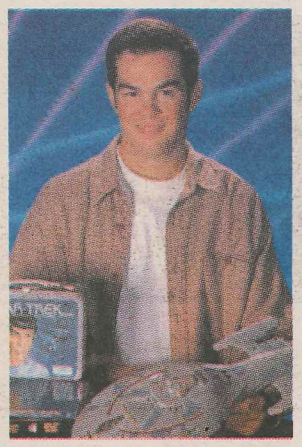
Tuesday, April 6
>Stout Baseball vs. St. Scholastica, 2 p.m., at home.
>Quiz Bowl, competitive quiz competition, 8 p.m., 208 Home Economics.

Wednesday, April 7
No Events Scheduled

Thursday, April 8
>Stout Baseball vs. UW-Whitewater, 1 p.m., at home.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Dude.

In focus: photography showcase



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

This photograph by Eric Iverson is one of many that will be displayed at the showcase. Photography from the University of Wisconsin-Stout Photography Club will be on display from April 15-18 in the Birch gallery in the Memorial Student Center.

Eric Iverson

The University of Wisconsin-Stout photography club will be hosting a photo gallery April 15-18 in the Birch Gallery of the Memorial Student Center.

The photography club, along with the advanced photography class, will be displaying their work, which includes prints of color; black and white; and advanced technique. Faculty will judge the prints, and the top three prints will win awards. Certain prints will be for sale as well, so bring your wallet.

After a successful show last year, the club now has to limit the number of entries so that only the best prints are shown and the Birch Gallery doesn't become too crowded.

"Everyone should come and check out the show," said Garrett Miller, vice president of the club and a senior in technical communication. "There is some really amazing work this year that may inspire you to get into photography. Not only that, but there will be some cool prints for a decent price from some soon-to-be famous photographers!"

Not only will there be photos from the immediate Midwest, but from all over the world. Some students have traveled abroad, and many have traveled the United States taking pictures. Last year, there were pictures from Hawaii, the Southwest region of the United States and many other fascinating places.

The photo club was founded two years ago by four students who had a love for photography and wanted to start a community for others with the same passion.

The club has set up an agreement with the photo lab to provide lab passes for a fee to grant club members access to the darkroom even if they aren't taking photography classes. The club quickly grew, drawing members from photography classes and by word of mouth.

Advisor, Pete Schlosser, a lecturer for several photography classes, has been an asset to the club. He has helped with fundraisers, critiquing prints and ideas for club events.

One such fundraiser that Schlosser came up with, was buying Holga cameras in bulk and selling them slightly over cost to club members and advanced photography classes. These unique, medium-format cameras are able to capture amazing pictures for a very low price. There should be some Holga prints at the gallery for those who are interested in this cult camera.

The photography club hopes many will come see the gallery and become more interested in photography.

If you are interested in contacting the photo club, email the group at photoclub@uwstout.edu.



Courtesy of: Garrett Miller

Lilly pads floating on a pond, a showcase photograph by Garrett Miller. He is the vice president of the photography club, which began two years ago. Since then, the club has grown due to the fact that members can pay a fee and have access to the darkrooms.

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NBC plays its trump card

Patent office to decide if Trump can cash in on his coined phrase

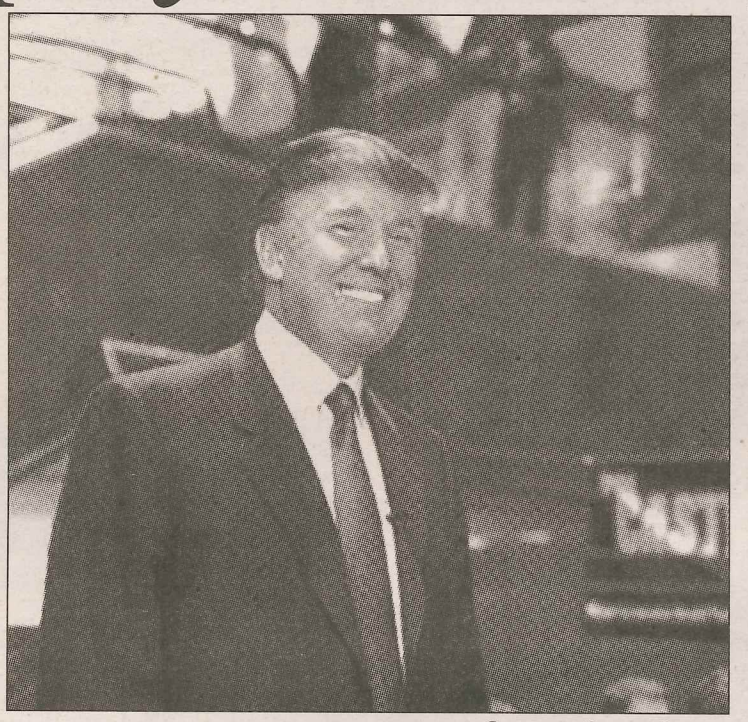
Lara Monk

Nike: "Just do it." Maxwell House: "Good to the last drop." M&Ms: "Melts in your mouth, not in your hand." KFC: "Finger Lickin' good." Donald Trump: "You're fired!"

Two words, "You're fired!" – they're something you'd never want to hear in real life, but are enjoyable when Donald Trump barks them on "The Apprentice" each week.

Trump has had a major hit with "The Apprentice," a spin off of "Survivor" in the corporate boardroom, in which participants compete against each other for a real job in the Trump Organization.

The show, featuring a group of ambitious entrepreneurs fighting for a $250,000-a-year dream job as a top executive in Trump's business empire, has proven to be a ratings winner for NBC since its premiere.



Courtesy of www.nbc.com

Donald Trump's show, "The Apprentice," has gained him more attention than ever. It averaged a 9.4 rating among viewers.

In its first three Thursday night programs, Trump's show averaged a 9.4 rating among the network's target audience of 18 to 45-year-olds and 19.1 million viewers overall, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The show's success has been a major blessing for the NBC network, which is finishing this year with its two most popular prime-time sitcoms, "Frasier" and "Friends."

Trump filed a trademark application for the phrase, "You're fired," according to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Web site. Trump said he intended to display "You're fired" on games and casino services, and "You're fired! Donald J. Trump" on clothing.

The patent office granted 185,000 trademark applications in the last year. On average, applications take a year to process.

Trump might even have competition: Three other applications for "You're fired" have been filed and the New York department store Bloomingdales is already selling a "You're fired" T-shirt line.

With the success of the program, it doesn't look like NBC will be using the slogan "You're fired" with Trump soon.

A second "Apprentice" series is already in development. Trump will be back on NBC with a new group of 16 would-be protégés for a second edition of "The Apprentice," to debut in the fall.

For some reason, if it's not happening to you, it's a good time.

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DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY
Anderson "Dusty" Perryman
"Recruitment and retention of ethnic minorities will be a priority of mine. Another will be to provide resources and opportunities for current students to organize and become more of a voice at Stout. I plan on helping our diversity organizations (Multicultural, Ten Percent, Breaking Boundaries, etc.) improve on existing events and also create new experiences for the rest of Stout's populations."

DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Jenny Schuh
"I would like to help students and faculty continue the integration of laptops in Stout's curriculum. We can improve student academic life by getting informed and involved."

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
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"...with the passion I have for accounting and the knowledge of all the financial policies and the ins and outs of the positions, I would like to become the next Director of Financial Affairs as I feel that I am more than qualified for it."

DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
Shawn M. Peter
"My vision is to ensure that the new SSA senate structure is implemented, students are informed about the 2004 elections, are able to take action in their student government and the political spotlight newsletter is made more widespread to inform students about the issues in our government."

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SAM hosts Quiz Bowl for students

Becky Hartung

Sick of paying for an education? Then it's time to earn some money by proving how smart you are.

This Tuesday, the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) will be hosting its 7th annual Quiz Bowl at 8 p.m. in room 208 of the Home Economics building. Groups of two to five people are encouraged to participate in this battle of wits.

"We've gathered questions about topics ranging from math and history to science and Stout," said Rachel Marek, SAM secretary and a senior majoring in business.

Groups will face off until only one is left in the running. For their accomplishments, the first place team receives $100, second place takes home $50 and third pockets $25. The winnings are substantial in comparison to the $15 team entry fee.

"We don't make money off of this," said Marek. This is our way to get our name out to campus and show people we know how to have fun."

Currently, SAM has 10 members. The organization, nationally renown, brings in guest speakers on topics such as financial planning, resumes and interviews. The group strengthens ties with industry by touring businesses and seeing first-hand how good management skills affect a company.

"The goal of this event is to make other groups more aware of our presence on campus," said Ann Hoel, SAM advisor and an associate professor of business. "We have great, active members, but we're small."

Members of the UW-Stout's student chapter stress their size is an asset. The smaller group size offers many opportunities for individuals to assume leadership positions.

"Since SAM's small, everyone has the opportunity to get involved," said Marek. "You're not just a number."

Sometimes, students automatically associate business with boring. Those involved in SAM want to stress that management doesn't have to be dull.

"We have fun while interacting with businesses," said Hoel. "We want people on campus to be aware of what our group is like."

Anyone interested in learning more about SAM should stop by the group's weekly meeting, Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Badger Room of the Memorial Student Center. Further information can be obtained through the group's national website: http://www.cob.tamucc.edu/sam/membership/join-today.html.

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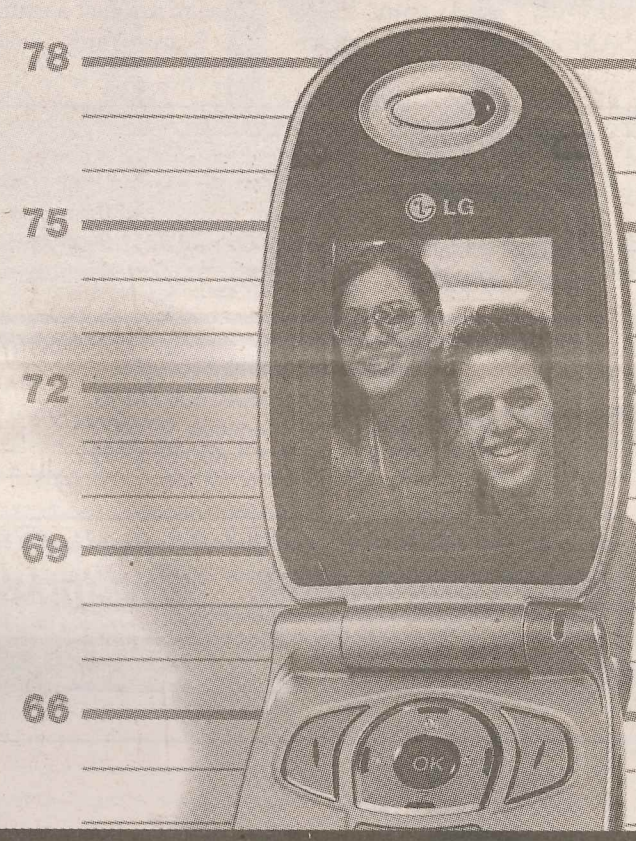
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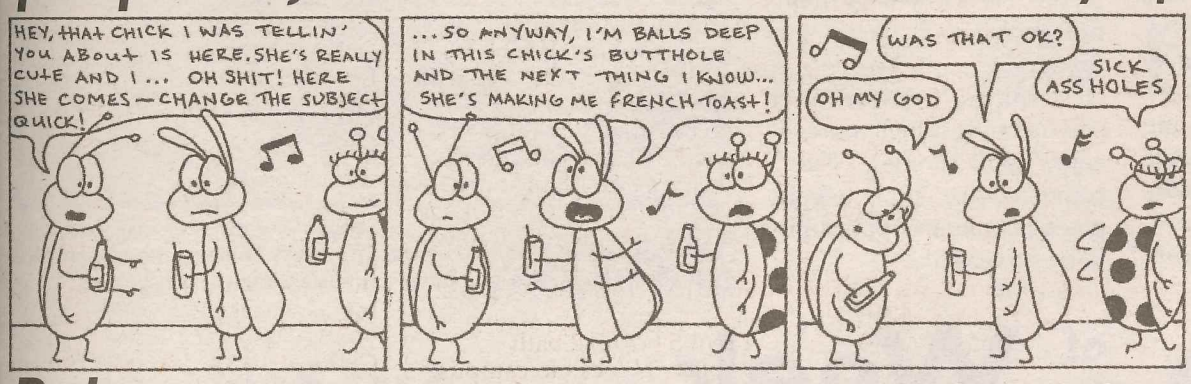
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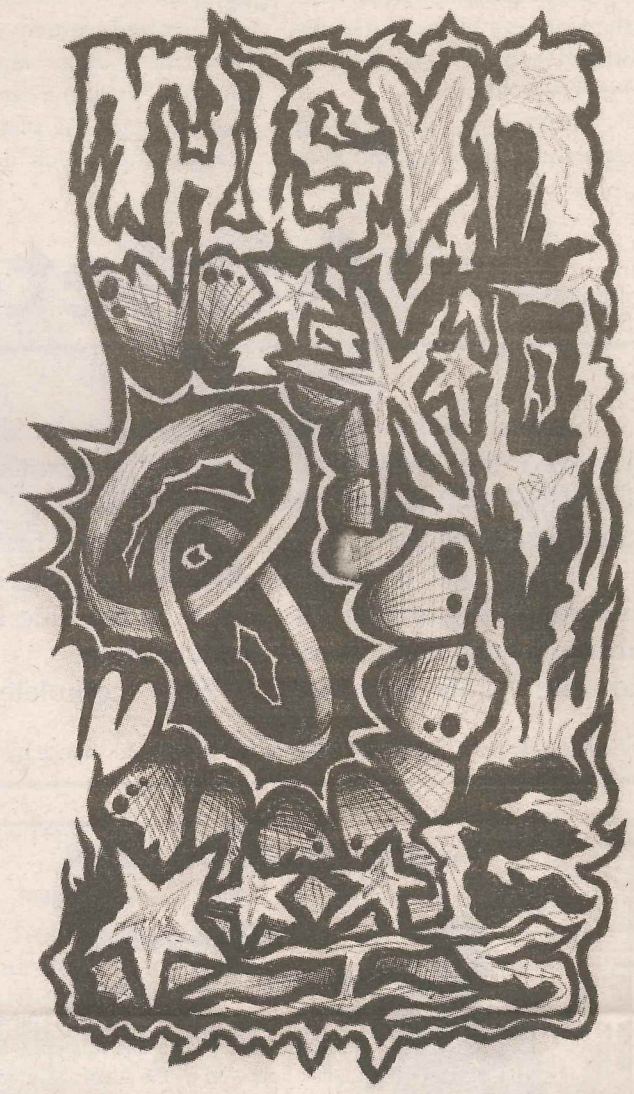
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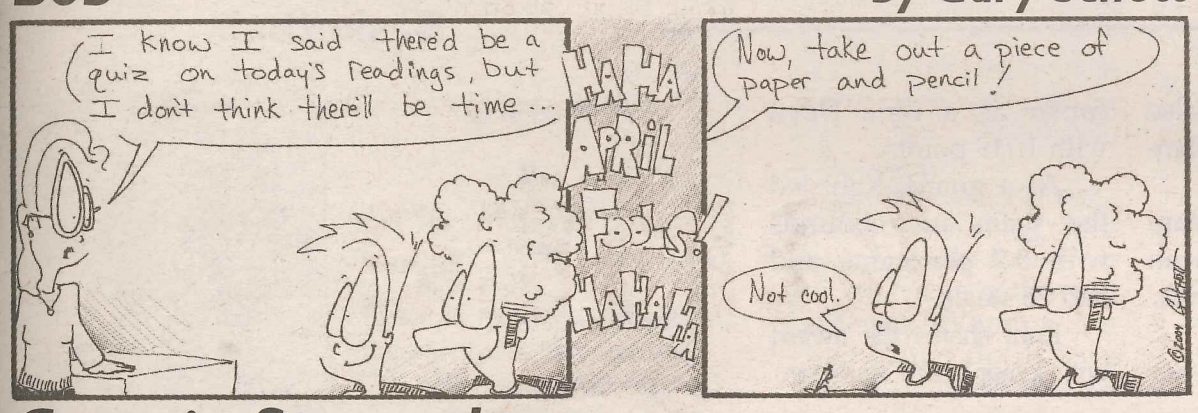


Another boring comic by Aaron Krueger



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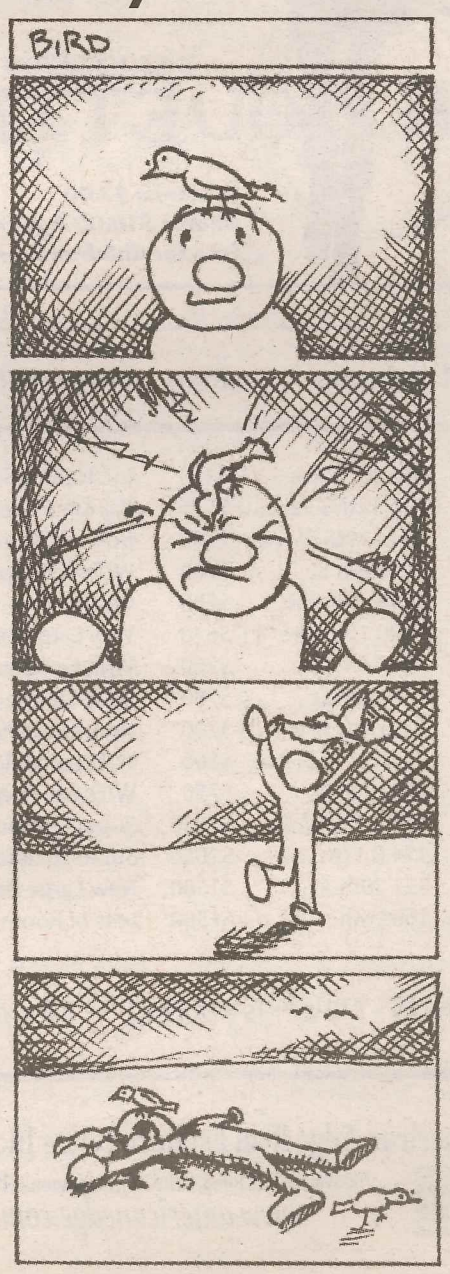


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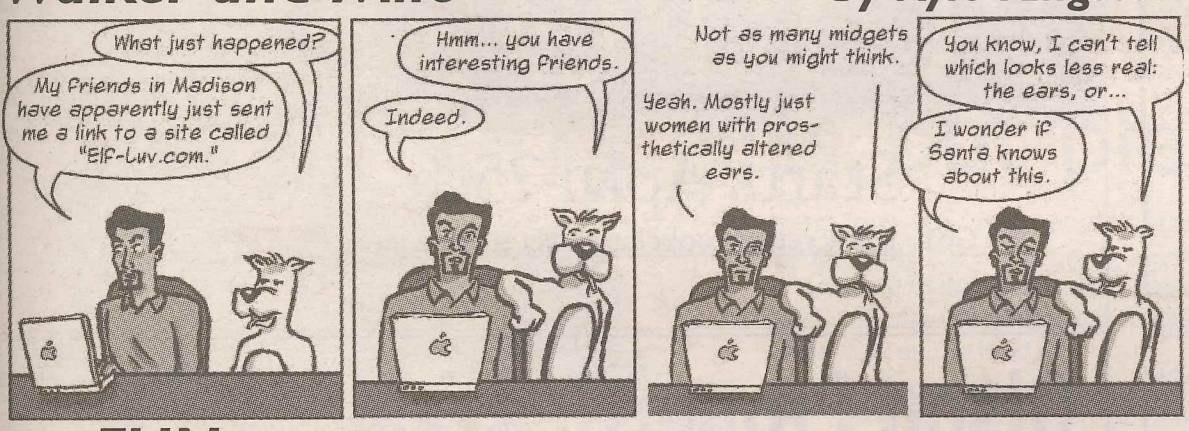


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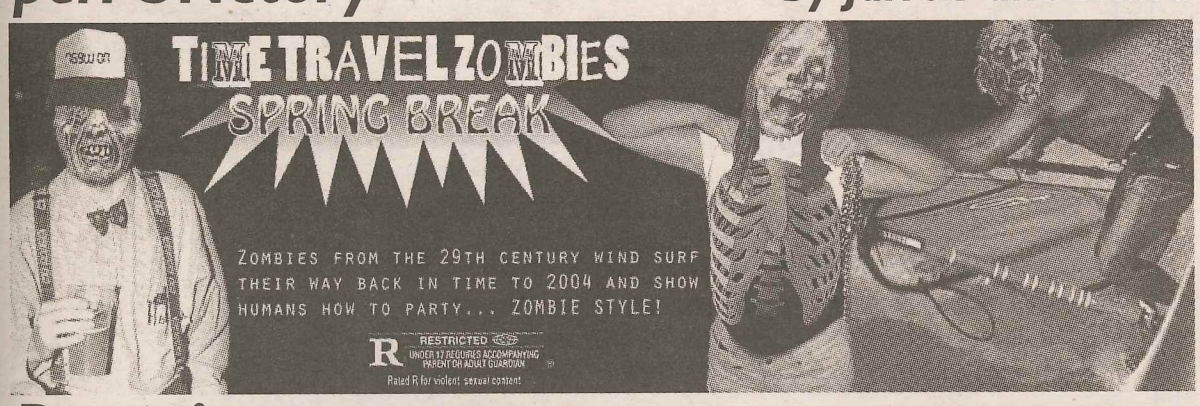
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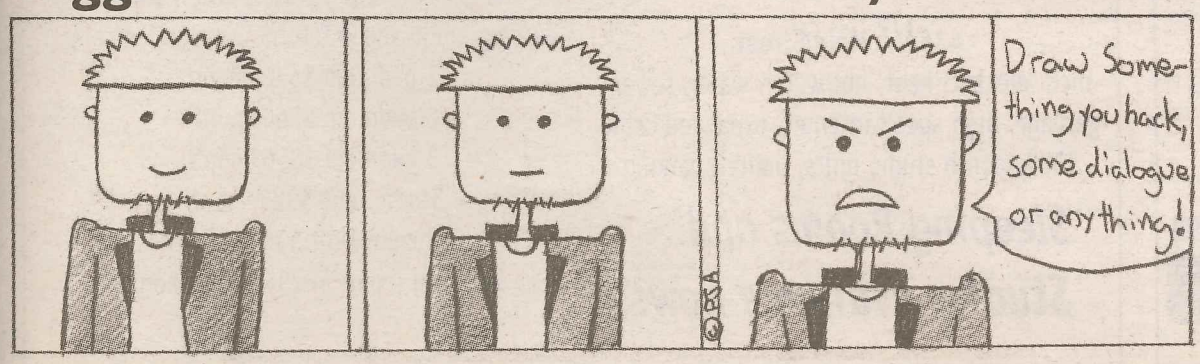
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Thomas /Coaching

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has never flown, and he has to travel a lot more often than Thomas.

So, Thomas thought he could get through his career by driving everywhere, until the team made it to nationals, which were being held in Lewiston, Idaho.

Traveling to Idaho by car over the mountains and back was simply not feasible. When it was time to board the plane, Thomas took two steps: one onto the jetway and the second immediately back off.

Through much coaxing from the players and some physical pushing, he finally made it onto the plane, convinced they would crash, which they of course didn't.

By the close of the weekend, Thomas considered himself an expert flyer, having survived six different take-offs and landings on three different types of planes. He now enjoys flying, but will never forget that first flight.

"Things we fear often end up being things we really enjoy," said Thomas. "That is some advice that usually gives people an opportunity to be successful.

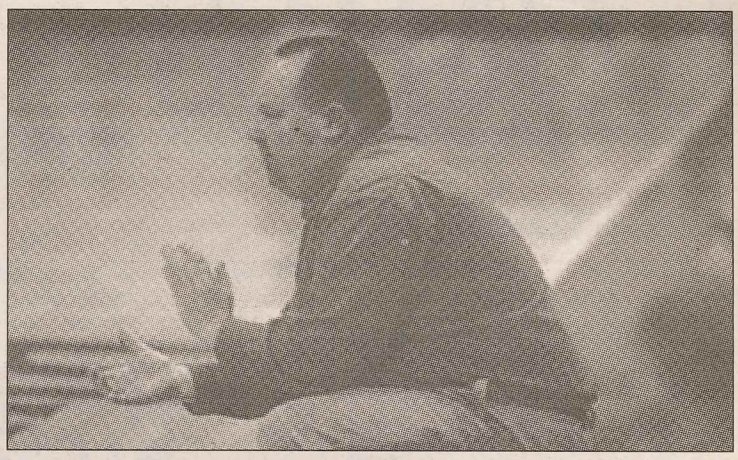


Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Thomas has learned to overcome fears through coaching. His players helped him get onto a airplane for the first time.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Sara Kahl
Basketball

Senior, Sara Kahl, received the Lady Blue Devil co-MVP award on Sunday, March 28.

It was one of many awards that Kahl received during her four years at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She also received the team's offensive MVP award.

Kahl was a first team all-WIAC pick this season and was the Blue Devils' leading scorer.

She completed her career as a Blue Devil with 1,119 points.

As a guard, Kahl led the team in rebounds with 5.7 per game and had 78 steals.

Kahl shares the award with senior Laura Verdegan.

The Facts:

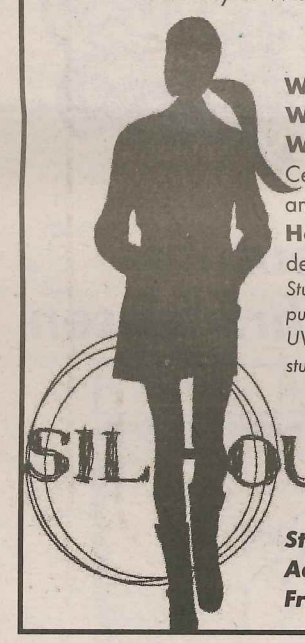
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Rainout keeps baseball winless

Ryan Wessley

The Blue Devil's baseball team didn't seem to ever get the ball rolling against Waldorf College, this past weekend.

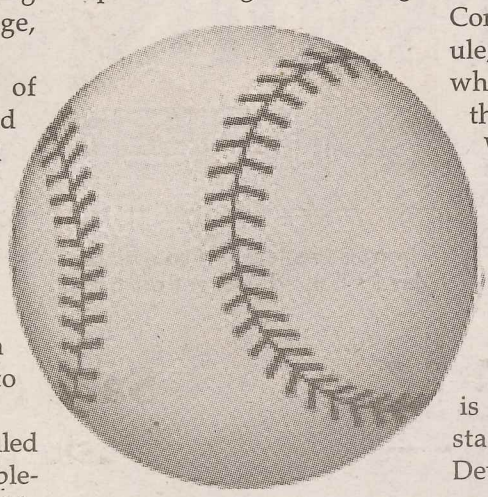
The University of Wisconsin-Stout traveled to Forest City, Iowa and came away empty in the win column.

Bad weather added to the rough start to the season for the Blue Devils as the team lost a heartbreaker, falling to Waldorf 2-1.

The game was scheduled to be a two-game doubleheader, but due to unplayable weather and 35mph winds, the game was called off shortly after 5 p.m.

Senior pitcher Joe Huiting (0-3) took a hard loss on the road trip.

"We have to get all aspects of the game working



together, the pitching, fielding and hitting, said Huiting. "So in turn, the season has just begun and time will bring victories."

The Blue Devils will open the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) schedule, Wednesday, March 31, when the team travels the the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

The Blue Devils will also be traveling to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh this weekend to take on the Titans.

Although the season is well underway, the 0-7 start isn't what the Blue Devils are looking for.

The team's home opener is April 6 against St. Scholastica.

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Coaching life's lessons

Amy Stoegbauer

Mark Thomas is one of the longest tenured coaches at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

He has been the head coach for the women's basketball team for the last 17 seasons, as well as the assistant football coach for the last 18 seasons, assistant baseball coach for the last 13 seasons and has also assisted the softball team for two seasons. He is an integral part of UW-Stout varsity athletics.

Thomas has been around or involved in sports his entire life.

In one of the first pictures taken of him he is sitting on a basketball watching his father coach. The main reason Thomas went into coaching is that his father was a high school coach and teacher.

He admired his dad and wanted to follow in his footsteps. He remembers watching how his dad felt after a good game, or when a player finally understood a play.

"Coaching has always been a part of my life," said Thomas. "It is a good lifestyle to grow up in. I could always see myself raising my family in the same way."

Thomas has now seen that dream come true. He has three children and loves watching them compete in their own sports.

One of the downfalls of the job, however, is spending so much time away from his family.

Thomas loves being able to make a difference in people's lives. Coaching gives him an opportunity to get to know many young people on a personal level.

He enjoys watching people grasp new concepts and implement them in a game setting. He views athletics as a part of students' education.

"Physical play is a great area to learn and relieve the stresses of everyday life," said Thomas. "Students learn discipline, respect and responsibility, as well as an ability to meet challenges through hard work and practice."

Team chemistry is also important to Thomas. The players have to have passion and respect for each other.

His passion and respect for the players is extremely evident. His office has no door, and he likes it that way. If there was a door to his office and it was closed, he feels that it would make him seem unapproachable.

Thomas feels it is his job to instill that passion in his players and always be accessible to talk to.

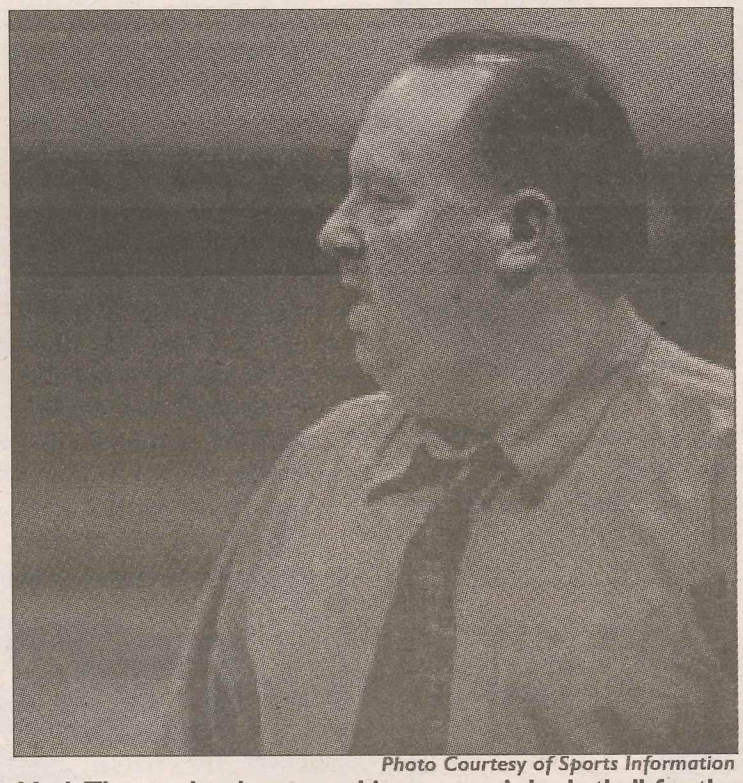


Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Mark Thomas has been coaching women's basketball for the last 17 seasons. Coaching has always been a part of his life.

Coaching has also taught Thomas a few things, including the ability to overcome fears.

Thomas was always afraid of flying. He knew that coaching a varsity team would require travel, but he also knew that John Madden

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Gymnastics sends 2 to nationals

Wesley Simonis

When does the University of Wisconsin-Stout have something in common with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)?

The answer is that the Blue Devils will be sending two gymnasts to MIT to compete in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championships, April 2-3.

Sophomore Rhian Paulson will be competing in the floor and vault exercises.

It is Paulson's second trip to the championships. Last season, Paulson took seventh place in the nationals on the uneven bars, but due to an injury this season, she only had a chance to compete twice in the event.

"I set my goals higher every year that I compete, whether it is learning new skills or perfecting the ones I already do," said Paulson, a sophmore majoring in vocational rehabilitation. "I had really hoped to qualify in the All-Around, but unfortunately the sprained hand set that aside."

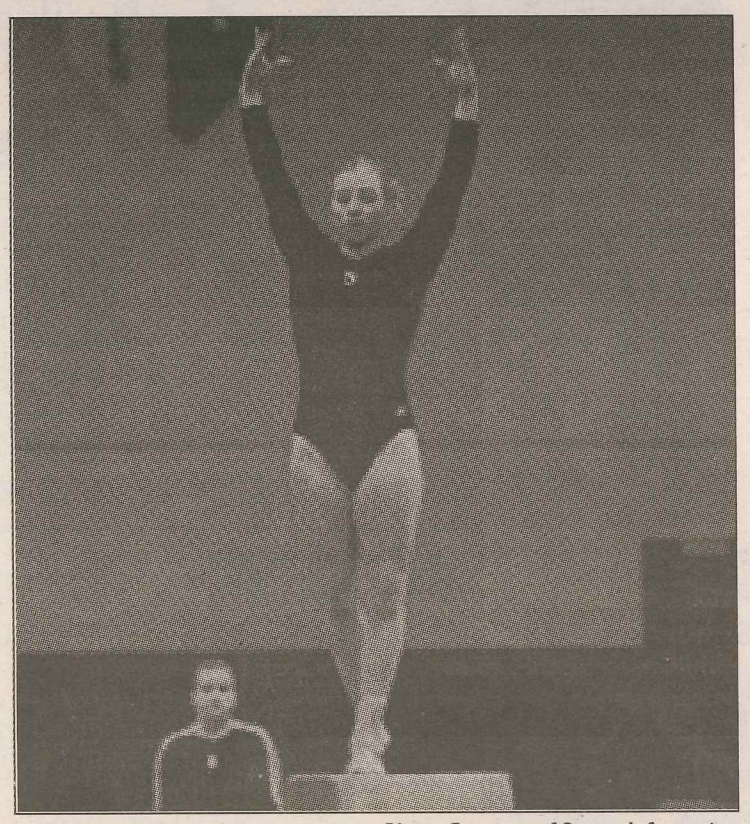


Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Rhian Paulson is one of two Blue Devils who has qualified for the NCGA championships at MIT April 2-3.

Paulson is ranked in both the floor and vault competitions. She is ranked 23rd in the floor with a 9.5 average and 31st in the vault with an average of 9.3.

Paulson said she would like to qualify for finals and place in the top five for nationals this season.

The second gymnast to qualify for nationals is Lesley Rick. Rick is a freshman who will be competing in her first-ever national tournament. She will be competing on the uneven bars.

Rick is currently ranked 65th and holds an average of 8.65 on the bars.

Although the gymnasts' rankings may seem high, only a few tenths of a point seperate them from the top ranked competitors.

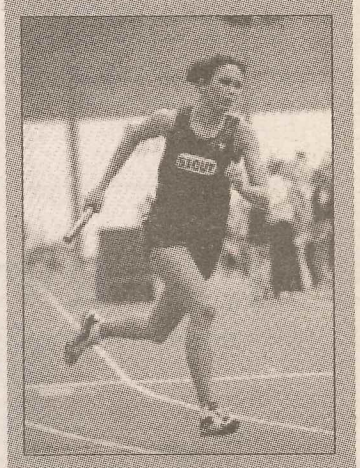
"This season has been rough for the team with injuries, but we pulled through and had a really great time," said Paulson. "We are a really great team with just as much difficulty as other teams in our coference, but we just haven't been able to show them that.

The NCGA tournament is in its 20th season and Paulson hopes that next year will be the team's chance to go out and make it to nationals as a team.

BLUE Scoreboard DEVIL

Track & Field

Next meet:
Saturday, April 3
Washington University Invite



Baseball

Stout	Waldorf
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0-7 Overall

Next Game:
April 3 vs. Oshkosh

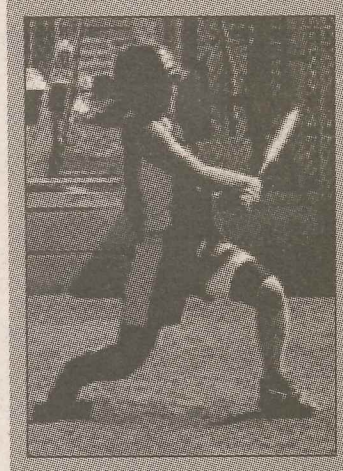
Softball

Stout	St. Scholastica

Postponed due to field conditions

11-5 overall

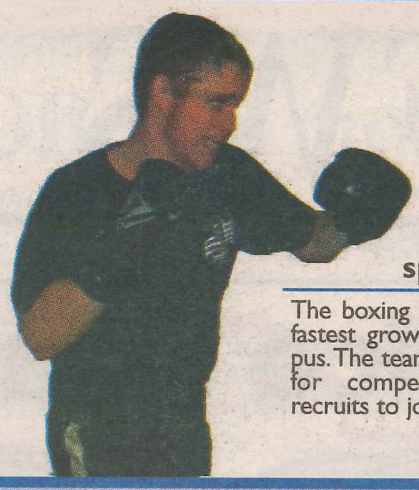
Next Game:
April 2-3
Augustana Tourney



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The boxing club is one of the fastest growing clubs on campus. The team is always looking for competition and now recruits to join the club.

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The newspaper by the students for the University of Wisconsin-Stout community

Campaigning for votes



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Brian Tanner, director of shared governance for United Council, hands out Easter eggs to students at the Clock Tower Plaza on Wednesday. Thursday's referendum will determine whether UW-Stout will rejoin the statewide student organization.

Sanctions for FOB

Amanda Herr

The Phi Omega Beta fraternity (FOB) has been placed on probationary status for three years following a code of conduct hearing held on Thursday, March 25.

The Stout Student Association's Organization Affairs Conduct Oversight Committee (OACOC) formally announced the violations and sanctions on Monday, April 5.

According to Julie Derks, co-chairperson of the OACOC, FOB has until April 10 to appeal the sanctions in writing. Members of the fraternity were unavailable for comment.

The March 25 hearing was held to determine if a November 2003 party attended by members of FOB violated the code of conduct the university sets for all student organizations as well as their own consitution.

"The OACOC committee finds that at a Phi Omega Beta fraternity event where alcohol was being served, several women were objectified and asked to participate in a wet T-shirt contest," the committee said in its report. "The T-shirt contest progressed into a variety of nudity and sexual acts being performed by the women."

Pending sanctions against Phi Omega Beta

1. Placed under probation for three years
2. Must present code of conduct at organization re-recognition process this spring
3. Must present three all-Greek educationals on liability and the responsible use of letters and alcohol
4. Must volunteer four hours a semester for six consecutive semesters at a women's shelter
5. Must submit learning report after completing volunteer hours
6. Must volunteer four hours a semester for six consecutive semesters at the humane society
7. May take Society and Body Image class in lieu of one year volunteer work

At the hearing, FOB members attested that the party was not an official fraternity event, and it was not held at their registered fraternity house.

"As a group, we do not throw parties," FOB members said.

FOB's president Joshua Kloos admitted he had been at the party in question.

Photos taken at the party showed individuals wearing clothing with FOB's insignia, as well as an FOB flag in the background.

The OACOC found that "posting of logos or other organization insignia that would be associated with a particular organization by a reasonable person constitutes an event to be considered an 'organization sponsored event.'"

Pending appeal by FOB, the OACOC has imposed the following sanctions on the

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Rapper criticizes music industry

Chuck D says music industry is all about the money, not artist rights

Tim Krueger

Stealing music is illegal. Still, many people continue to do so, especially college students. Surveys indicate 73 percent of college students download music from the Internet.

Chuck D, the rapper from the 80s group Public Enemy, came to the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Friday night to speak on the music industry and the power structure that mistreats the artists it claims to serve.

During the presentation, D spoke very little about the music industry and piracy but primarily criticized those in areas of high power and what has become of the men and women who value money over the rights of artists.

"You can't own culture," said D. He often made the connection with the music industry wanting to have market segment amongst areas that were better left alone.

D drew his criticism from the idea that many of the upper-level executives in the entertainment industry as a whole (including television, movies and music) wanted to get in on African-American culture. They found that this culture sold especially well but perverted the ideals of the culture when trying to shape it into a marketable product.

"Corporations treat 'the masses' like 'them asses;' all you have to do is move the 'M,'" said D. The music industry is just another corporate mechanism to make money and does not care about art or artists, according to D.

Although much of what D spoke on was not related to the music industry directly, he made his point clear. He expressed his displeasure with the corporate-run industry, and that even though the

*please see **Chuck D**, page 3*



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Chuck D of the 1980s rap group Public Enemy spoke last Friday about the state of the music industry. He believes industry executives seek profit and stifle artist creativity.

NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday: High 46° Low 25° Partly Cloudy
Saturday: High 41° Low 21° Partly Cloudy
Sunday: High 42° Low 24° Mostly Cloudy

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Citations
University Police issued the following citations during the week of March 17-22: twelve first offense drinking, five second offense drinking, two third offense drinking, one fourth offense drinking and one disorderly conduct.

Injured female
On March 26, police responded to a call in reference to a female subject on the ground in pain in the first floor women's bathroom in Harvey Hall. Upon arrival, police found the subject and transported her to the Menomonie hospital by ambulance. No further information is available at this time.

Vehicle break-in
A student reported on March 26 that someone entered her unlocked car in a University of Wisconsin-Stout parking lot 34 and took her car stereo system. The stereo was stolen sometime between March 24 and March 26. She reported that the unknown person damaged her dashboard while removing the stereo. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Threatening phone call
On March 29, a student in Jeter Hall reported to police that he had received a threatening phone call in his dorm room at approximately 3 a.m. The male subject on the other end of the line threatened the student four times before the student hung up. The student was advised to call the police and that a trace can be put on his line if the problem continues.

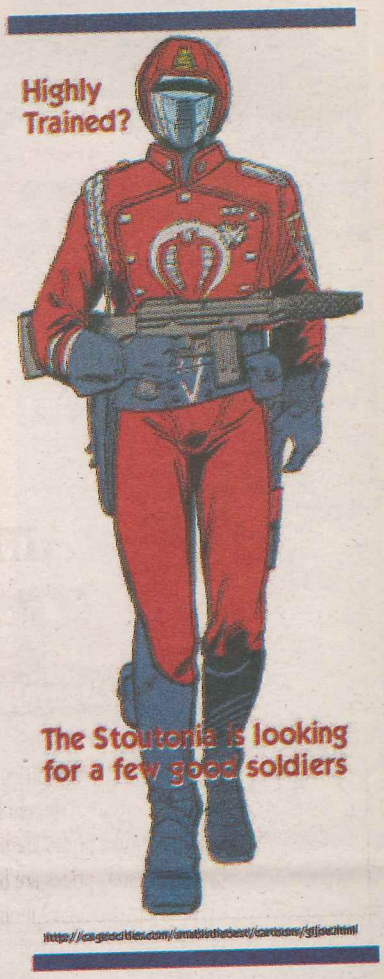
Citations
University Police issued the following citations for the week of March 23-April 5: five first offense drinking, one possession of marijuana and one possession of drug paraphernalia.

Objects in the rear view
On March 30, a staff member backed a UW-Stout vehicle up to an overhead garage door to unload it. Unknowingly, he had backed the vehicle slightly under the garage door. When he closed the garage after unloading the vehicle, the door hit the back bumper of the vehicle. The impact broke the back bumper guard on the passenger side of the vehicle. The garage door also slipped out of its track. The total damage was minimal.

Vehicle vandalism
A student reported to police on March 30 that an unknown person broke the small driver's side back window of his Chevy Blazer between 7:30 p.m. March 29 and noon March 30. In addition to breaking the window the person(s) tore apart the steering column and ignition switch, in what appears to have been an attempt to start the vehicle. An amp and iPod MP3 player were also stolen from the vehicle. The value of the amp and iPod was $800.

Fire extinguisher
A Wigen Hall staff member contacted police on April 4 when an unknown person unlawfully sprayed a fire extinguisher into a dorm room of Wigen Hall. The room was occupied by a student who was sleeping at the time. The staff member was unable to wake the student to see if the extinguisher chemicals had caused him harm. When police and the Menomonie Fire Department arrived they were able to wake the student with some effort. The student was evaluated and determined to be okay.

Dumpster fire
On April 3, police responded to the report of an active fire in a dumpster just north of Fleming Hall. The officer saw smoke rising from the dumpster and small flames inside. Most of the contents of the dumpster had been consumed by flames by the officer's arrival. The Menomonie Fire Department was called to extinguish the flames. Residents of Fleming Hall did not know who started the fire or remembered seeing anyone near the dumpster. It is unknown if the fire was intentional or accidental.



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Music / No love for the artists

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Recordng Industry Association of America (RIAA) makes the point that you are stealing from the artists, D says that it will have little effect on the artists.

"They're all full of shit, really, quote me," said D.

D also pointed out that it is ironic for Sony, one of the corporations claiming to be impacted by music piracy, to also make the computers that allow people to download the songs in the first place.

"I download music because I feel like the music industry does not give much money to the artists anyway," said Kari, a student in packaging. Kari declined to give her year or last name due to the possible legal consequences if she is identified.

"I don't want to spend $15 on a CD when I just want one song," said Kari. She has purchased compact discs after first sampling the music on the internet. "Lots of times it's my preview to make sure I actually want to buy it."

The RIAA has been bringing lawsuits against individuals who use file sharing programs such as Kazaa or iMesh. These programs allow people to search and download music free of charge. The RIAA contends that this violates copyright law and infringes on the artists' right to make a living off of their work.

In April 2003, the RIAA filed lawsuits against students at Michigan Tech, Princeton University and Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute, seeking monetary damages for the violation of copyright law by using file sharing services. All of the student defendants in these cases agreed to pay $12,000 or more in damages as a result of their file sharing.

"It should be up to the artists whether or not they want their music out there," said Dan Sosalla, a senior in construction.

"I could see if you're in a band, and you're doing all this hard work, and everyone is jacking your music, it could be bad," said Sosalla.

He had downloaded music during the time of Napster, but does not any longer.

FOB / On probation

from page 1

fraternity.

FOB will be on probationary status for three years. At least four active FOB members must assist SSA's vice president in presenting the code of conduct at the organization re-recognition process this spring.

The fraternity is also required to present three all-Greek educationals on liability and the responsible use of letters and alcohol. The programs must be presented by May 1, 2007.

All active FOB members are required to volunteer at least four hours per semester for six consecutive semesters at a women's shelter and a humane society. After volunteering at the women's shelter, members must submit a one-page report on how the experience affected them.

In lieu of one year of volunteer time, members may register and take the society and body image class offered by the business retail department.

According to Ian DeGraff, co-chairperson of the OACOC, these sanctions are light because the committee did not want to expel the fraternity. They feared harsher sanctions would not allow the local fraternity to survive.

FOB, established in 1927, was the first fraternity on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. They currently have nine active members.

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2	1	921 Main St. #2	$375	$188	$475	$238	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	921 Main St. #4	$360	$180	$435	$218	Good Location, Parking	4
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / Location/n/p	9
2	1	607 13th St.E #5	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$395	$132	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Very nice/ close to campus/ Modern	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$555	$185	$695	$232	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1.5	1820 8th St.	$750	$250	$870	$290	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$495	$124	$615	$154	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$560	$140	$720	$180	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$580	$145	$700	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$600	$150	$760	$190	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$740	$185	$880	$220	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$700	$175	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$800	$200	$920	$230	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$760	$190	$890	$223	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1	1216 6th St.	$840	$210	$1010	$253	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$775	$194	$975	$244	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$880	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$880	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$700	$175	$830	$208	Good location in duplex	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1380	$345	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$540	$135	$660	$165	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1000	$250	$1140	$285	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$550	$110	$700	$140	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$700	$140	$880	$176	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	1	1320 6th St.	$820	$164	$995	$199	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$900	$180	$1080	$216	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$975	$195	$1175	$235	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$600	$100	$780	$130	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,000	$167	$1200	$200	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,175	$195	$1385	$228	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1175	$195	$1375	$229	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
7	2	820 11th St.	$1750	$250	$2030	$290	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,500	$150	$1,700	$170	lots of room/location	H

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Chunkydunk

You remember skinny-dipping, don't you? Well, this is the heavier version.

United we see a pink bunny



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

In the early eighties, there was a movie titled "Better Off Dead" starring John Cusack, where he was constantly chased around by a paperboy demanding two dollars payment for a few weeks worth of newsprint delivery.

We never thought two dollars could be so significant, but the odd combination of a pink bunny and pictures of Tony Schlemm made us think otherwise.

Yes or No, who really cares? There will be good results from either outcome of the referendum.

With a vote of Yes, we will be given a voice in United Council, a powerful lobbying force in the state government that is explicitly for the purpose of speaking for students.

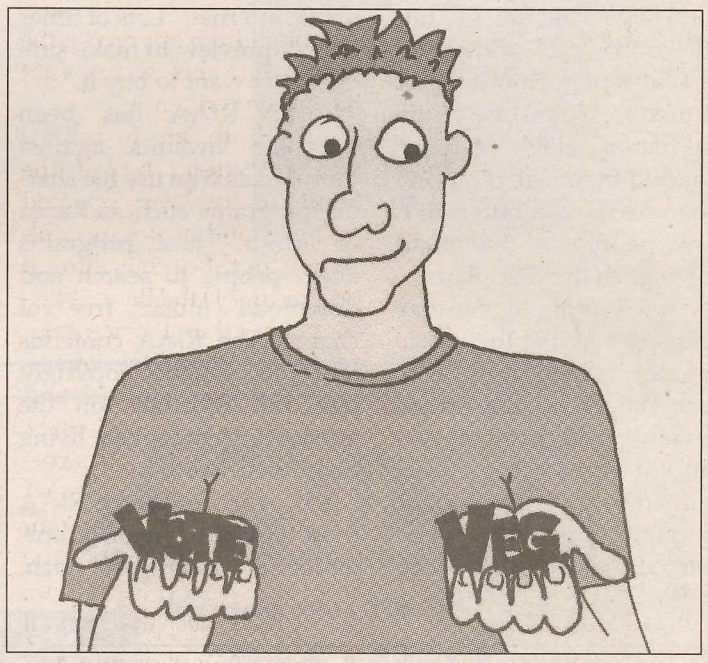
With a vote of No, we will still see the same results from the lobbyists and will most likely experience the same outcome from the Wisconsin legislature. The only difference will be that UW-Stout will not have a say in what the lobbyists of United Council decide to lobby for or against.

The two dollars is refundable, so if you care as much about two dollars as the paperboy, you can ask for it, and it shall come back to you. Our two bucks says that paperboy wishes he had it that good.

Certain members of the group campaigning "Vote No" decided to deviate from the standard protocol of an ethical democratic vote and desecrate a "Vote Yes" sidewalk chalking. Good job guys, I am sure crossing out Yes, and replacing it with No, has completely swayed the entire campus opinion.

While slinging cowpies seems to be modus operandi for the respectable President Shrub and his opponent Dingleberry, what has caused this ethical slum to surface for a two-dollar election in Pooptown?

On top of this, "Vote No" was endorsed by



Registration and Record's Tony Schlemm. We like you Tony, but in what way does your endorsement mean anything other than voting no is the "cool Tony" thing to do? Can we get some more life-size cut outs with the thumbs down?

Odd antics continue in the "Vote Yes" camp, as they decided that dressing up as a pink bunny and handing out plastic eggs was the best way to win public opinion.

Are UW-Stout students so simple and acquiescent that we need circus antics to convince us how to spend two dollars? Remember, we were admitted to college as adults; can we begin to act as such, and maybe even lead our leaders by example?

We all want to make sure our two dollars will be used effectively, so whether you spend it at the bar, Wal-Mart or it goes to United Council, make sure you can keep your maturity, respect and composure, and handle that amazing amount of wealth as a smooth adept.

Fear will not run my life anymore



THE DROP
Lindsay Schuldt

It's that time of year again when the birds are coming out, and the sun seems to shine a little harder each and every day. The clock is ticking down, and soon the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus will be quiet and empty.

Walking through the campus, some might be able to still hear the laughter of friends talking on their way to class. Or the music blaring from an unknown window as people scurry about beneath it. And with a blink of an eye, the sounds will slowly fade and be memories you tell your kids about.

When I was fifteen, I thought I knew everything. At 19, I realize I had no clue and still don't. So life, it seems, then becomes a path that we are lead blindly down.

We do not know what is going to happen, or where fate is going to throw us or if we're in the process of making a wrong turn that we won't realize until years down the road. And the thought of all this not knowing gets to be a little scary. Just like the first time you ever tried to ride a bike. Just like the first time you ever drove a car or the first night away from home.

Why do we do these things? What made you decide to get on that bike and learn to ride it? Because it was something you wanted to do. Something you felt your life would not be complete without. And even though you were scared, you bit your tongue and let yourself go.

This doesn't mean you didn't fall down along the way. This doesn't mean you didn't get a scraped knee. When a child falls off of a bike do you call him a failure? Of course not. This is just like the lives we are trying to create for ourselves.

There are so many things out there that seem scary because we've never done them before, even if we've seen others do it or it seems like everyone else is able to. What is scary for one person is not necessarily scary for another, but if you knew you were going to fall down and scrape your knee, would you have decided not to learn how to ride that bike?

The answer is probably no. So if you know that in your life you are going to have those falls, would you stop living your life the way you want to? I won't.

If you look at those times in your life when you didn't accomplish your goals, did you consider it failing? It wasn't. You simply fell off your bike.

When you used to fall off your bike, did you get back on eventually? Sure you did, even if you were scared to do it all over again. We're big kids now. We have a lot bigger issues to tackle than riding that bike, but the principle remains.

Fear is only a figment of one's imagination. If people stopped living their lives because there was a chance they would fail or fall down at some point in time, what a different world we would live in.

Life is an incredible journey. That doesn't mean that all of the roads we travel will be paved or that we won't get a couple of flat tires along the way. It simply means that if you get a flat tire, learn how to fix it, so next time it happens, you can handle it by yourself.

Do not let the fear of what could happen help to determine what does happen. Know that sometimes the greatest of successes in life begin with the greatest of failures.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note:

Due to an error on my part, the following letter did not run last week. I apologize and wish to stress that I meant no disrespect by not running it in a timely fashion.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Editorial not right

Understandably there is much focus on religion, and Christianity specifically, due the the movie "The Passion of the Christ". However I was surprised, and found it most inappropriate, that the entire staff of the Stoutonia chose to use an editorial as a forum to preach to readers. Although I can appreciate the semtiment, this should not have been written.

As both an instructor and a student, I read the Stoutonia to keep updated on news and activities related to Stout. I do not think it proper that 1) the Bible is discussed at all in a state newspaper (remember the separation between church and state) and 2) that the opinion is presented as the only correct one.

Although it is apparent that everyone at the Stoutonia is a Christian, please remember that not all of the faculty, staff and students are.

Happy Passover.
Melissa Frank

Take no offense by my beliefs



FRESH THOUGHT
Crystal Miller

I was a little offended when I read the letter to the editor "Sad about Bible editorial" by Michael Levy. The only time I was truly impressed with The Stoutonia was when the staff editorial, "What exactly is the Bible?," was published. I was a little shocked, but very pleased because up until recently it has seemed to me that in public schools, talking about Christianity or Jesus Christ has been a big "no- no."

To those of you who found that article offensive, I'm sorry; however, the Bible and Christian faith tell Christians that Jesus is the way and the life. I believe this because it is my religion, and Christians should not be thought less of for what they believe; no group should. Despite my personal convictions, I don't walk around thinking that everyone who doesn't believe as I do is damned to hell.

I know there are MANY other religions in our world, and I think it is a beautiful thing. However, I don't appreciate people ridiculing my faith. I want to hear that what I believe is okay, not that it is offending people. I am never offended by Muslim, Jewish or any other kind of beliefs; having different beliefs is what makes this world so special.

Why should anyone be offended by what I believe? Unless I am screaming in someone's face telling them they are going to hell, what is wrong with my beliefs, or any Christian beliefs, for that matter?

I also find nothing wrong with the editorial. I would first like to comment that in the editorial, the staff admitted the Bible is very controversial. The editorial staff did not even imply that they believe you will go to hell if you don't believe in the Christian faith. They simply stated what the Bible means to Christians.

Furthermore, in the end of the article, they encouraged people to find their own way because everyone is free to believe what they choose. In my opinion, there shouldn't be anything taken offensively because the editorial was simply stating what the Bible is and a little about Christian beliefs. Having faith and individual beliefs is okay.

I understand that by writing in, people are taking the opprotunity to express beliefs, and I don't want to put them down. If written professionally, we should all be able to express our thoughts. Taking a critical approach wouldn't be very Christian of me.

STOUTONIA ♥ 1990s



SPACED OUT
Chelsea Rickert

This was the year that boybands and pocket pets became popular, and Ellen DeGenres came out of the closet. Slick Willy earned his nickname with the whole Monica Lewinsky scandal, and El Niño tormented the west coast while the rest of the nation suffered its effect on the weather. 1997: The year of the Beanie Babies craze, the Titanic and the Backstreet Boys.



http://www.metroactive.com/degeneres0024.html/

The number one song for this year is "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" by Will Smith. Other hits include "As Long As You Love Me" by Backstreet Boys, "Tubthumpin" by Chumbawumba and "Semi-charmed Life" by Third Eye Blind. Hanson probed the hearts of pre-teen girls nationwide with the senseless drivel of "MMMBop," and Paula Cole lamented her lack of good men in "Where Have All The Cowboys Gone."

One-hit-wonder OMC released their mesmerizingly catchy song "How Bizarre," and Green Day wrote the best anthem for high school graduation, ever: "Time of Your Life."

The movie "Titanic" beat "ET's" record gross at over $600,000,000, as the most popular movie of 1997. "Men In Black" didn't gross nearly as much but came in second with over $250,000,000.

My second or third-favorite movie also came out in '97, "Liar Liar," along with "Face Off," "As Good as it Gets" and "Air Force One."

Tiger Electonics and Tamagatchi produced the junior high teacher's disdain: the pocket pet. Every junior high girl—and some boys—toted mini virtual pets and took care of them from birth until death or until the owner grew bored, whichever came first. I'll admit that I had one of these little annoyances, if only to spite my art teacher.

Princess Diana of Wales died, age 36, in late November '97 as the result of injuries suffered in a car accident. The public was outraged to learn that several photographers—paparazzi—took pictures before aid arrived instead of trying to help. It was even speculated that a photographer in close pursuit of the Princess' car was the cause of the crash. Several million people viewed the funeral from the comfort of their own homes as Sir Elton John performed his rendition of "England's Rose," remedied to honor the late princess.

President Bill Clinton was impeached for his affair with Monica Lewinsky. He was caught with his pants down when a mysterious blue dress surfaced with the president's DNA stained on it.

Millions of television viewers nationwide witnessed Slick Willy wagging his finger at the camera and claiming, "I did not have sexual relations with THAT woman." All in all, the whole deal was the result of an overly bored, gossip-hungry nation starving for a juicy scandal.

Even though Bill Clinton wasn't the first (and definitely won't be the last) president to have an affair while in office, he was the only president to get caught and impeached for it, and on top of it all, have his little finger-wagging testimonial slapped right back in his face in front of the rapt public.



http://movies.kingdavid.org/titanic.html

Sad thing is, I think I heard somewhere that his approval ratings sky-rocketted during this time.

Tree hugger extreme



JUST SENSE
Brain Legg

Greensense and the HTA hosted a speaker, John Imes, to discuss his experience with sustainable business this past Monday. Imes owns a bed and breakfast in Madison, the Arbor House, that offers "high quality hospitality while showcasing environmental technology and design." Some of the eco-features of the B&B include non-toxic paint, organic gardening, and passive solar energy.

But John Imes is not the typical "tree-hugger" type. He is a very smart businessman who understands that business can "do well financially by doing good to the environment." While working for one of the largest print companies in the nation, Imes found ways to reduce waste and increase profits by a million dollars or more. He helped them to get ahead of their competition by complying and exceeding industry regulations for emissions.

John Imes is also director of the Wisconsin Environmental Initiative. In a newsletter he states the group's goal pretty clearly:

"The renewed focus on regulatory reform in Wisconsin need not turn into another tired debate over 'economic growth' versus 'environmental protection.' We need not ignite another 'Green War' that will hurt our ability to achieve the healthy business climate and environmental quality every Wisconsinite deserves."

I chose to use this message as a jumping point for my opinion this week because it seemed undeniably positive to me. As the race for the White House heats up there is going to be a lot of rhetoric coming from both sides. George W. has slashed the EPA and allowed businesses to put more toxins in our air and water. John Kerry has a long record of standing up for the environment with his votes. Bush and Co. are definitely going to frame those votes as hurting business, but as John Imes' story has shown it is possible to "do well by doing good."

The reason why past environmental movements have failed is their lack of business vision. Simply, they never made their message profitable to invest in. While regulations are sometimes necessary to make stubborn businesses comply, the possibility of increased revenue is always a more compelling argument. When businesses are doing well, jobs are abundant and the economy will grow. Since it is now possible to be for the environment and for business, it looks like Kerry has the lead in this area 2 to 1.

Stay tuned for more reasons why "Bush Bad, Kerry Better"

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Passion panel proves positive

Diana Minea



Courtesy of www.traditio.com

During the filming of the movie "The Passion of the Christ," nobody knew if it would be a success. Now that it has been out for over a month, UW-Stout held a discussion on the controversial film.

Most of the time the teacher and student interaction that occurs in the classroom stops right there. There are a few occasions, however, that bring students and faculty members together.

The discussion conducted at the University of Wisconsin-Stout on the movie "The Passion of the Christ," held on Thursday Apr. 1, was one such occasion.

In the form of a panel discussion followed by audience questions and comments, students, professors, community members, alumni and various other attendees numbering around 60 debated the issues that surround the multi-million dollar movie. Dr. Robert Horan mediated the discussion.

The panel, made up of professors and assistant professors in the department of English and Philosophy, Dr. Robert Schuler, Dr. Sue Beckham, Dr. Mark Decker and Michael Martin, made their statements in under five minutes each.

They addressed points such as which scenes were not from the New Testament, where the scenes may have come from, how much of the film was affected by today's Hollywood and how people should not be too swayed by the movie's intensity.

"Those in attendance felt free to criticize or agree with the panel, and there were lively and at times pointed discussions," said Decker. "Really thinking about anything is an open-ended process, and I think I saw the beginning of such a process during the discussion."

Students had many reasons for attending the event, but curiosity seemed to be a major motivation.

"When I saw the film, I had some strong and immediate reactions to it," said Ben Franske, a senior in telecommunications education, "but I'm interested in hearing what other people thought about it and the conclusions they drew from it."

The opinions varied highly, and there seemed to be a division between the panel and the students.

"I think some of those in the audience felt that the panel was biased against the movie," said Decker. "While I think that impression is not entirely wrong, you would be hard-pressed to find an academic who would fall all over himself or herself to praise the film as a straightforward representation of the Biblical account of Christ's last few hours."

Schuler brought forward information he had gathered about Anne Catherine Emerick, a German nun who had visions of the passion during lent about 200 years ago. Many scenes in the movie are related to her visions.

"The viewpoints expressed seemed backed up, and I felt that the panel members were quite knowledgeable in the subjects they presented," said Britta Higginbotham, a sophomore in psychology.

During the audience's time to share their opinions, there wasn't a moment of dead time. When people made a controversial point, hands shot up around the room to agree with or contradict the argument. Even the panel had to wait their turn to speak.

"I thought Dr. Horan did an excellent job [of] keeping the discussion on topic while allowing people to state their various viewpoints," said Franske.

Overall, many students felt the outcome of the event was very successful.

"I know it was for me," said Higginbotham. "It definitely made me think and assess what ideas had been introduced."

Even alumni in attendance enjoyed the discussion.

"It's nice to have a discussion about Jesus in a civil manner with so many viewpoints in a public arena," said Lon Jeremiason, a UW-Stout graduate in psychology and early childhood education.

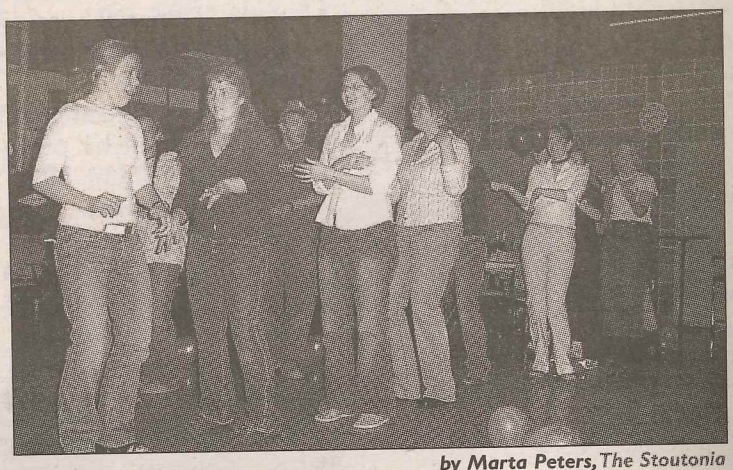
Events such as this one are quite rare on campus, but with the success of this one, maybe that will change.

"I like open discussions like that," said Higginbotham. "We should have more!"

AHS holds first MAKE-A-WISH® foundation dance

Marta Peters





by Marta Peters, The Stoutonia

The Academic Honor Society held its first Make-A-Wish Foundation dance on March 30. The group wanted to hold the event because of recent desire to be more charity-focused. $150 was raised by students, which the AHS matched.

Although attendance numbers weren't sky high, the generosity of people at the Make-A-Wish Dance held Wednesday, March 30 made up for it.

The dance, planned by the Academic Honor Society (AHS) of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, helped raise money for an organization that is well known throughout the nation through its mission of granting children's wishes who are living with life threatening illnesses.

UW-Stout's AHS will have a hand in continually achieving that mission with a donation of $300 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which was raised at last week's dance.

Seeing the amount of money that was raised helped the members of the AHS realize the dance was successful, especially considering the fact that this is the first year that the AHS has hosted an event such as this one. The idea stems from the honor society's choice to incorporate more service and community involvement for its current members.

"We wanted to do a fundraiser and make our organization more charity-focused, and that is why we added the requirements this year that consist of volunteer hours, donating items and attending the meetings," explained Stephanie Hoffman, a junior marketing and business major and current activities coordinator. "We decided back in November that we wanted to put on a dance to raise money for a charity, so we picked the Make-A-Wish Foundation."

Anyone who attended the dance had to pay an entrance fee of two dollars or, if they desired, they could donate more. By the night's end $150 had been raised.

Early on, the AHS had decided to match the amount that was raised at the dance, which brought the grand total to $300. This monetary gift will no doubt play a large role in granting a much-needed wish for a child in Wisconsin.

According to a Make-A-Wish Foundation pamphlet,

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Wish dance

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AHS raises $300 to give to the Wisconsin Make-A-Wish Foundation

the Wisconsin chapter was founded in 1984 and has helped to fulfill the wishes of nearly 2,000 children. In order for a child to be eligible, he or she must be under 18 years-of-age.

Some of the most common desires of these children include a trip to Disneyworld or New York, meeting a celebrity or receiving a new computer or pet. The fact that no child has been turned down in their request for something shows that no wish is too large or too small for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

All money that is raised to grant a wish for a child comes from the generosity of individuals and businesses nationwide. UW-Stout's AHS and the city of Menomonie are two such sources.

AHS received numerous donations from community businesses for use at the dance. These donations consisted of T-shirts, chapstick, gift certificates and much more. The items were given away as random prizes throughout the event.

"We had a lot of support from the community," stated Kelly Greer, a junior retail merchandising and management major and Public Relations Executive of the AHS. "Many businesses (on and off campus) donated prizes that we gave away."

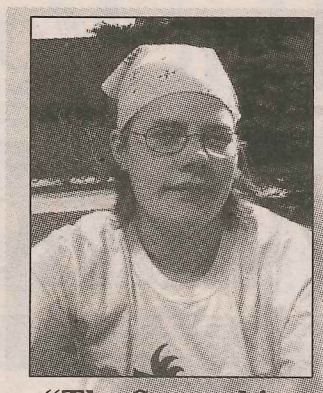
With food and drink provided, the music played loud. People got out on the dance floor and had fun throughout the night knowing that the dance was not only allowing them to have a good time, but it would also make someone whom they will probably never meet, happy.

"I think it's a great cause, plus I had a great time," said Jessie Padleford, a freshman hotel, restaurant and tourism management major.

Her outlook on the dance was similar to that of other people who attended the event.

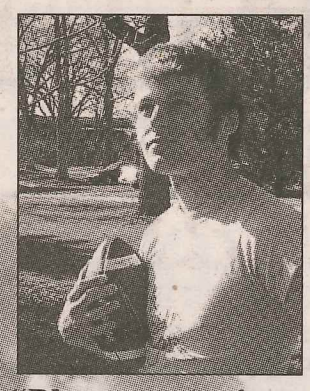
If you didn't have a chance to attend the dance but would still like to donate something, you can contact Kelly Greer at stouthonorssociety@yahoo.com, or if you would like more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation as a whole, you can go to the official website, www.wish.org.

Slant



"The Scrunchie Socks."

Sara Arndt
applied science
junior



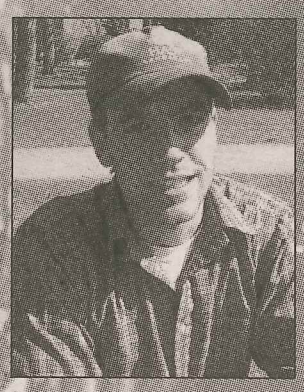
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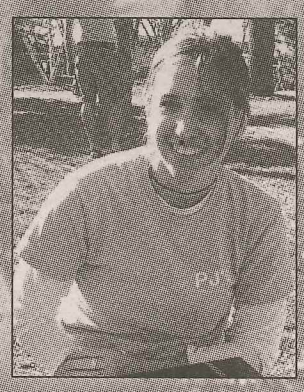
James Swanson
engineering technology
freshman

What is the name of your 80s' hair band?

"Road Sodies."

Mike Gordon
psychology
senior





"White Zubaz."

Bethany Bonnell
graphic design
freshman

Next Week:

If you could conquer a country, which one would it be and why?

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Egg-cellent Easter background

Lara Monk



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by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Decorative eggs are commonly associated with the celebration of Easter. During the 20th century, Easter eggs were made out of porcelain in Russia; they were specially ordered by the Russian Tsars at the Emporer Porcelain Manufacturer.

Around this time of year, what is the first thing that pops into your mind? Grass. Warmth. Flowers. Easter Eggs.

An egg is the object of religious adoration, illustrating transition from non-existence to life. The egg is a symbol of joy, happiness and sun, which brings warmth and revival of nature.

The use of colored eggs also has deep roots known in China, Russia, Ancient Greece and Rome.

There are two types of Easter eggs mostly used in Russia: "pisanki" – richly ornamented eggs of two, three or four colors and "krashenki" – eggs of one color without any ornaments.

According to the Russian American Company (http://russianamericancompany.com), by the beginning of the 20th century, Easter eggs making had turned to be an independent branch of Russian decorative and applied arts. A special place is occupied by porcelain eggs, which were specially ordered by the Russian Tsars at the Emperor Porcelain Manufacturer.

Since there was a ban on eating eggs during the 46 days of Lent in the 9th century, the egg has become popular at Easter. The eggs were collected and saved. Once the fasting was over, the eggs were distributed to the servants and children.

Today, hand-decorated eggs are exchanged as springtime gifts in many cultures and play an important role in ceremonies on Easter morning. Some families carefully save their egg collection, passing them on from generation to generation.

Whether straight out of ancient tradition, brought from Russian's Tsar or mysteriously laid by the Easter Bunny, the decorated egg, be it full or hollow, made of clay or porcelain, or of sugar or chocolate, will no doubt remain an indisputable token of friendship and love.

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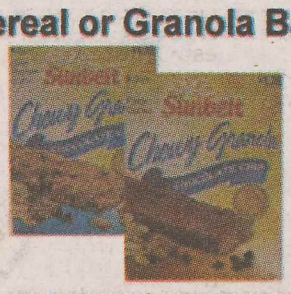
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The 411

April 8
to April 15

Thursday, April 8
>Baseball, 1 p.m., at home.
>Softball, 3 p.m, at Riverfalls.
>It's a Delicious Tour, 8 p.m.,Recreation Center, free
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m. Acoustic Café.
>Spoken Word: It's Delicious Tour, 8 p.m., Huff's.

Friday, April 9
Spring Holiday!
>AAU Boy's Basketball Tournament, Johnson Field house, Keith Knoll 715-231-4000.
>Baseball, 12 p.m., at home.

Saturday, April 10
>AAU Boy's GLS Sanctioned Basketball Tournament, Johnson Field house, Keith Knoll 715-231-4000.
>Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast, 8 - 9:30 a.m., Wakanda Park, $2.

Sunday, April 11
Happy Easter!

Monday, April 12
>Softball, 4 p.m., at home.

Tuesday, April 13
No events scheduled

Wednesday, April 14
>Baseball, 1 p.m., at home.
>Megan Mooney, comedy, 8 p.m., Huff's, $2.50 w/ ID.
>Fashion Show, Stout Apparel Assoc., 2 p.m., Terrace A.

Thursday, April 15
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The OC heats up Wednesdays



MACMAN
Steven Vogt

With every passing day there seems to be a new reality TV show.

I have never been into that type of thing or into any type of dramatic "soap opera;" however, a new show has caught my eye. I watched one of the first episodes by accident, and I have been hooked ever since! The hot new show goes by the name of "The OC."

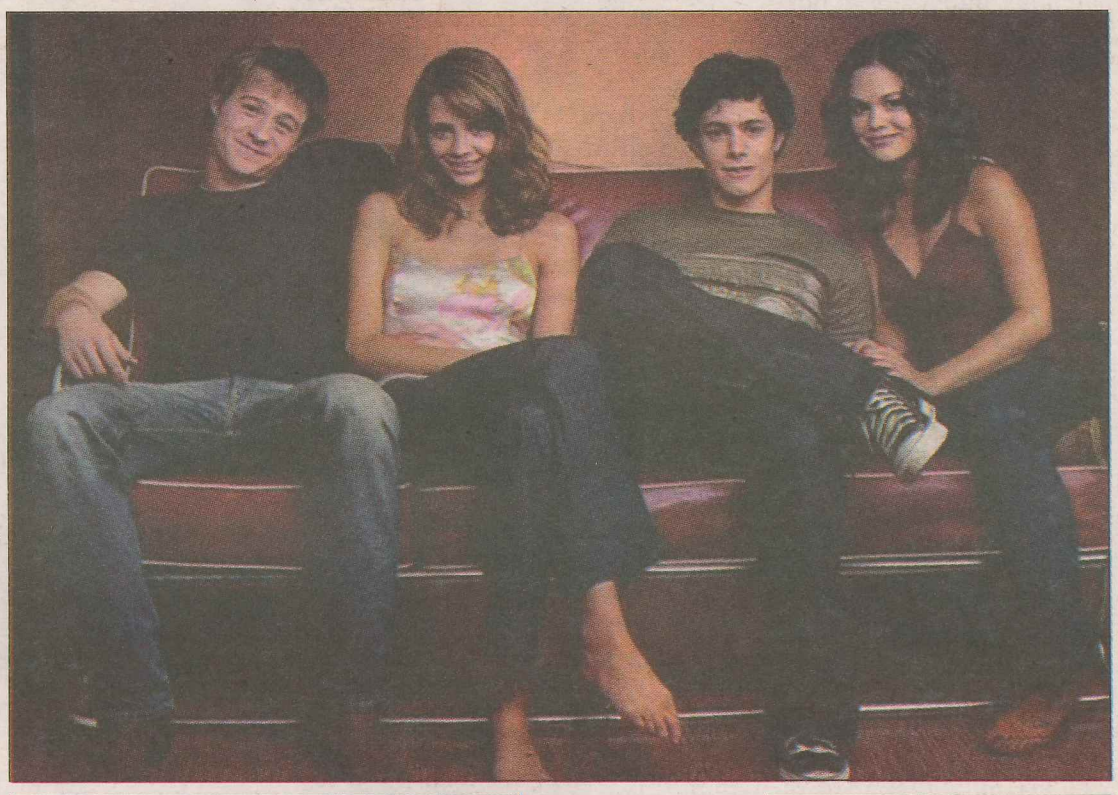
The name sets the stage for the show. "The OC," which stands for Orange County, takes place in a wealthy California community. To any of you, who don't know where this is, it happens to be a very prestigious community full of big businesses and big houses.

There are several main characters on this show, but it seems to revolve around one in particular – Ryan Atwood played by Benjamin McKenzie.

The delinquent was pulled from the slum and prison town of Chino after he committed some crimes and was defended by public defense attorney Sandy Cohen. Peter Gallagher, who plays this role, decided to take in the troublesome youth since he had a similar misplaced childhood.

Even with Ryan's harsh upbringing he has a heart of gold and always seems to do the right thing.

Ryan was brought into a warm but busy household and lives with Sandy, his wife Kirsten (Kelly Rowan), and new brother Seth (Adam Brody), who holds the comic relief role and always seems to lighten the mood.





ww.theocshow.com

"The OC" aired its premier episode last summer, and will be airing its last shows of the season in the next few weeks. The love triangles and twisted plots have ensured "The OC" for another season. The show airs Wednesday at 8 p.m.



Of course in any show like this there needs to be a love story. Ryan has his eye on Marissa Cooper, played by the hot, new Hollywood actress, Mischa Barton.

This little rich girl has many problems. Her dad (Tate Donovan) stole the community's money and her mom (Melinda Clarke) divorced him to find some new money since that's all she seems to care about.

Luckily, Marissa has a good friend, Summer Roberts, the spoiled rich girl, played by Rachel Bilson. Marissa is always getting into trouble, and somehow, Ryan always comes to the rescue.

These characters, along with evolving newcomers, are always facing problems and having to make decisions that could alter their lives. Together, these actors and actresses make up an ever changing web of life and love known as "The OC." You can take a look at all the character bios to get a better understanding of them at www.fox.com.

"The OC" has been compared to 90210. It has that same dramatic feel but seems to be a lot more edgy and deals with some great topics.

"The OC" leaves the viewer in awe after each episode and dying to see the next one. All of these things make the show one of the hottest on television.

The show just aired its twenty-third episode of the season. At the end of the season, it is going to leave its viewers hanging, waiting for the next season. Check out "The OC" on FOX, Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

A place to go for the kid at heart



FEED MY BELLY
Paige Klein

When you walk in the door of Gameworks, your mind is flooded with childhood memories of birthday parties at places like Chuckie Cheese. The atmosphere is that of an adult fun-land paired with a restaurant and bar.

Gameworks is located in downtown Minneapolis on Block E, just a few blocks from the Target Center. Gameworks opens daily at 11 a.m. and closes around midnight or even 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday's.

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On the upper level is the Bowling Bar that offers the same service as the Arena Sports Bar, only with a view

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Hellboy should return to the burner



HAWKEYE
Kyle Kingston

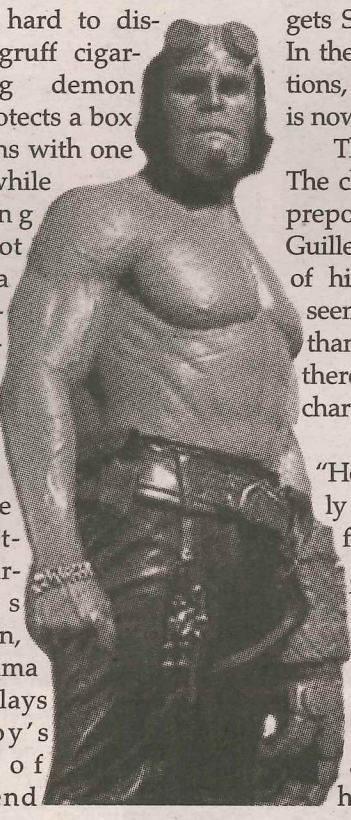
The premise of "Hellboy" is roughly this: in the declining days of World War II, the Nazis attempt to summon evil spirits from a portal to hell. Unfortunately for them, allied forces foil their plans, closing the portal before anything truly evil can escape.

All that is let loose is a cute, monkeyish demon with red skin, horns and a tail who is adopted by paranormal expert Professor Bloom (John Hurt) and affectionately named Hellboy. He grows to become America's primary defender against all that "goes bump in the night."

This is essentially all you'll need to know walking into "Hellboy," and pretty much all you'll come away remembering, at least about the story. But first, the movie's strengths.

The casting of the main characters is the movie's primary strength. Through heavy makeup, John Hurt and Ron Perlman deliver instantly likeable characters, particularly Perlman in the title role.

It's hard to dislike a gruff cigar-smoking demon who protects a box of kittens with one hand while beating the snot out of a hell-creature with the other.



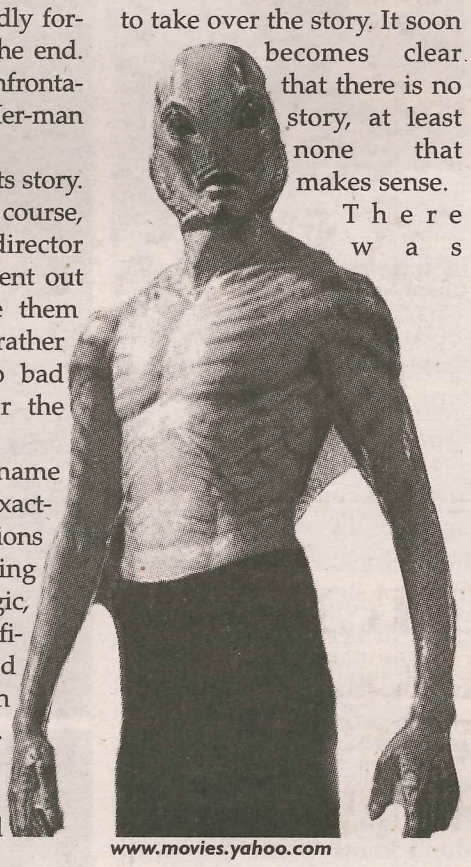
The supporting characters are fun, too. Selma Blair plays Hellboy's sort-of girlfriend Liz Sherman, a telepathic firestarter who bursts into flames when excited.

Doug Jones portrays Hellboy's confidante, the bookish Mer-man Abe Sapien. The banter between Sapien and Hellboy is great while it lasts, but the story oddly forgets Sapien towards the end. In the story's final confrontations, the accented Mer-man is nowhere to be seen.

The main flaw is its story. The characters are, of course, preposterous, but director Guillermo del Toro went out of his way to make them seem sympathetic rather than corny. It's too bad there isn't more for the characters to do.

Granted, the name "Hellboy" doesn't exactly create expectations for storytelling grounded in logic, but the plot definitely needed grounding in something. Battles with suitably disgusting hellspawn build to an anticlimax unworthy of the movie's first hour. The villains, aside from an iron mask-clad Nazi assassin who sports wrist-mounted bayonets, are never quite menacing.

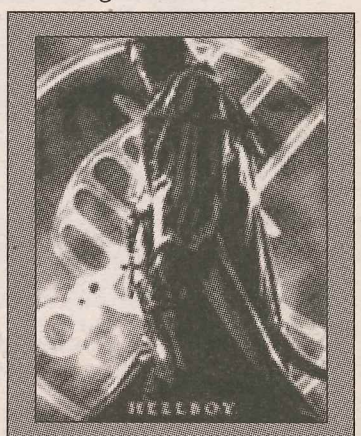
The visuals of the movie are nice but at times threaten to take over the story. It soon becomes clear that there is no story, at least none that makes sense.



www.movies.yahoo.com

There was potential for something pretty good here. Perhaps a "Hellboy" television series in the vein of "Buffy" or "Angel". I only suggest this because "Hellboy" seemed to be trying too hard to fill its two hours; maybe an hour a week would suit the characters and premise better.

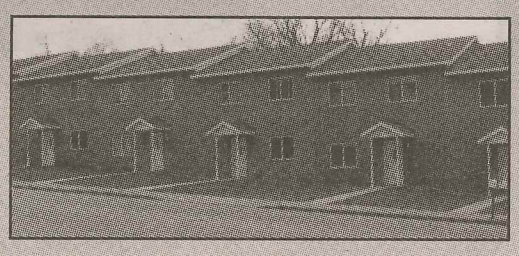
Overall, this is a good movie, if you remember to turn off your brain and just enjoy the ride. "Hellboy" gets a fire-bursting, horn-breaking three out of five.



"There was potential for something good."

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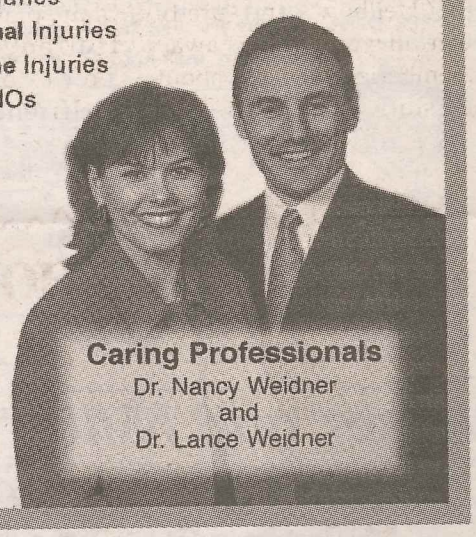
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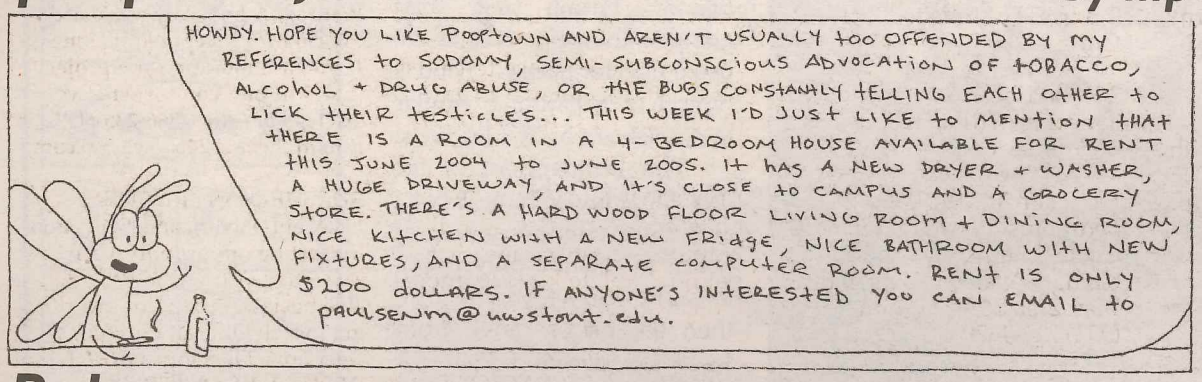
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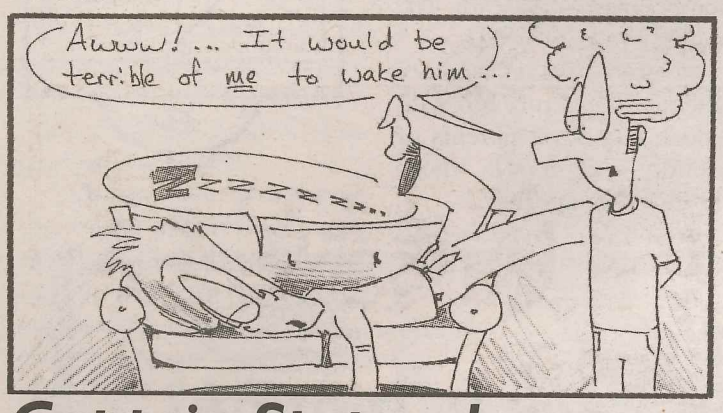
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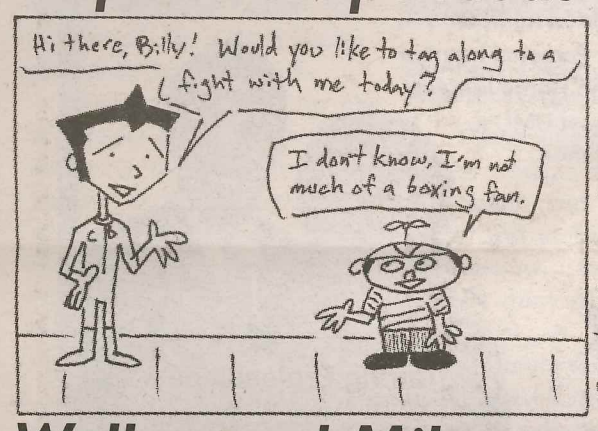
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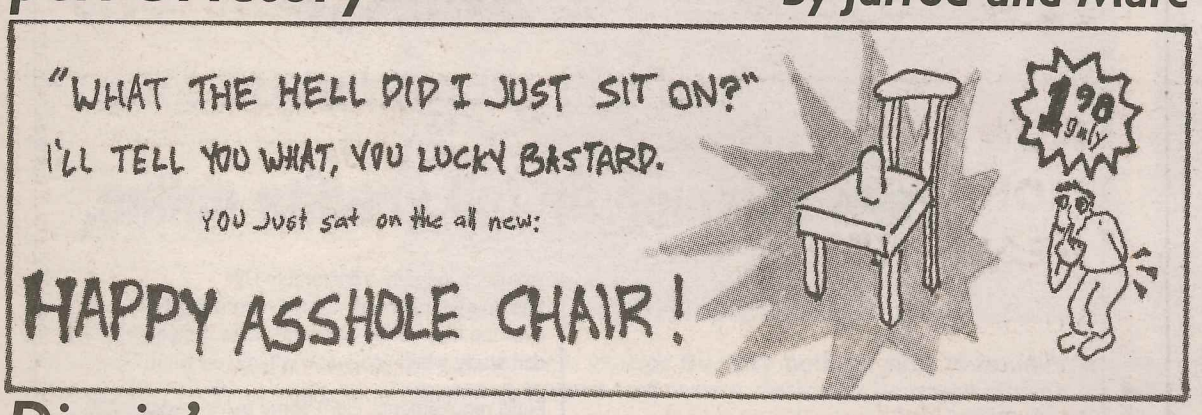
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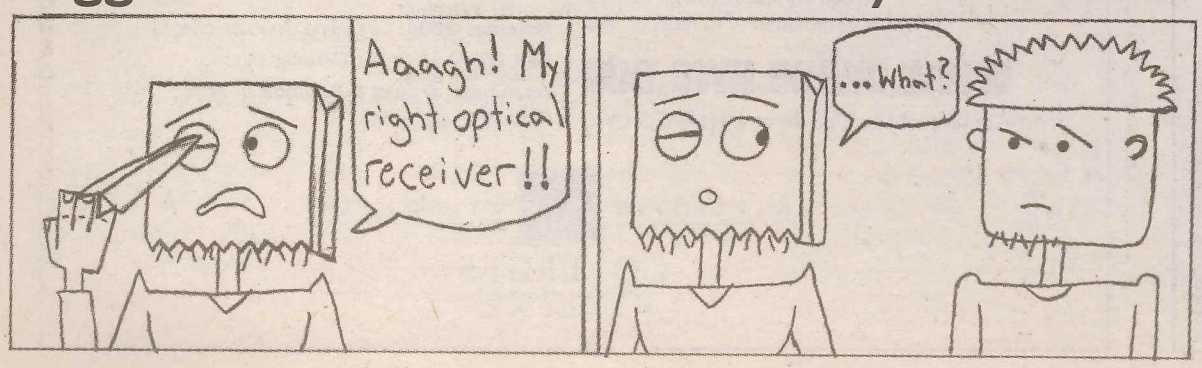
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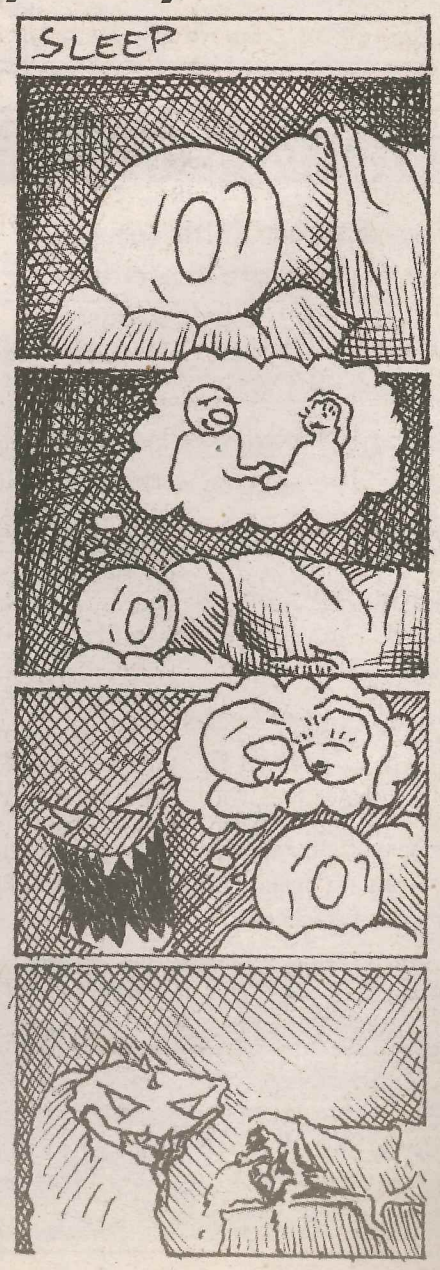
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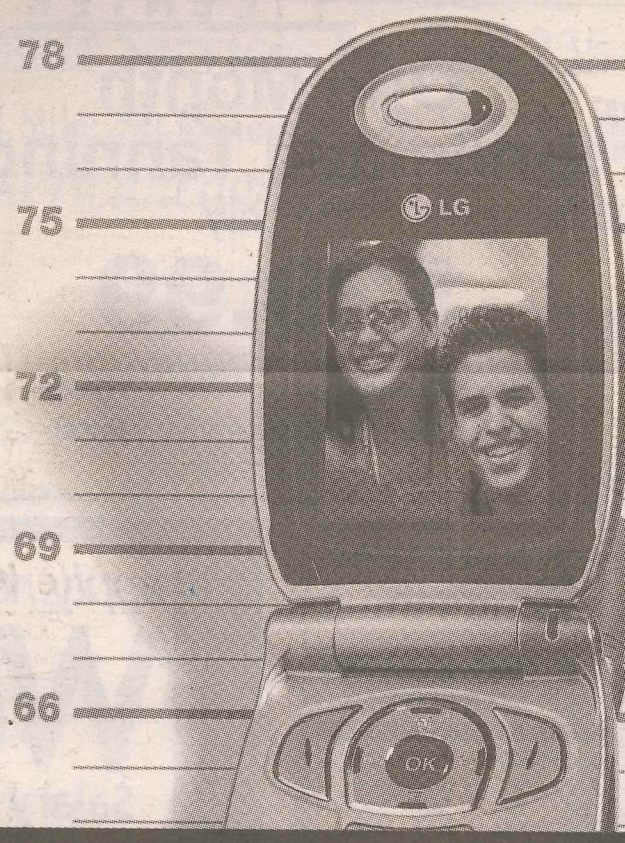
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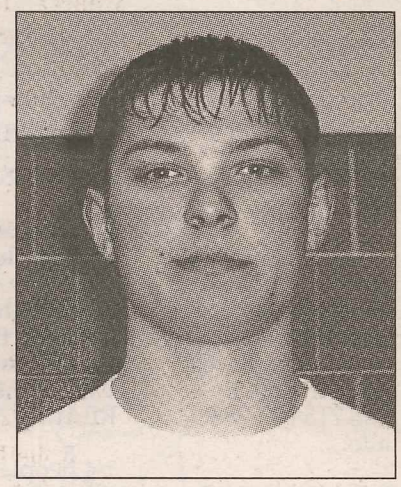
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Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Ryan Kawski
Track & Field



In his first track and field performance on the college level, Ryan Kawski brought in a second place finish in the discus for the Blue Devils.

Kawski had a throw of 150-feet 1-inch in the Washington Universtiy Invite.

The invite was the first outdoor meet of the season.

Since discus is not a part of indoor competition, it was Kawski's first competitive throw of the season.

Kawski's finish was the best for the Blue Devils, who travled to St. Louis for the invite.

The Facts:

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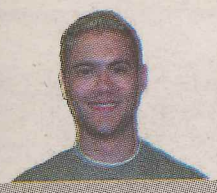
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Things to do in spring



SPORTSTALK

Ryan Wessley

It's finally spring time in Menomonie; the flowers are blooming, the trees are budding and college students are trying to figure out what to do with themselves.

Thinking back to our "younger" years, bike riding, playing catch and playing in the woods was the ticket, but these activites are becoming farther and farther distant memories in our minds.

As one strolls along campus, they see students rollerblading, running and fitness walking.

If you are living off campus say, behind the football field, you find the tennis courts have been swept off, the nets re-hung and the sound of tennis balls smashing across the court from player to player.

Another popular sight is the retro-looking mopeds cruising the campus sidewalks and streets.

The other mode of transportation in spring is the street bike or "crotch rocket," which rips through the streets of University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Relaxing, exercising, fun exciting are all words that describe the feeling of rollerblading. Many students can be seen gliding over sidewalks and down hills on their skates.

Rollerblades have to be one of the best means of spring and summer fun and excitement. Buy a brand new pair or dust off your old pair that have been sitting in Mom and Dad's garage over the winter.

Menomonie is also filled with numerous parks, so get a group of people together and grab golf discs or play some frisbee at Wakanda Park. It's guaranteed to be fun for all.

If frisbee isn't your nature, grab your cleats instead, and get some friends together to meet up at a local park.

Baseball is a great workout in the fresh spring air and sunshine, which is "non-existent" at times in the Midwest.

If you are interested in competition, the basketball courts are the place to be.

Grab a basketball, tighten up your sneakers, step into the cages and prepare for battle.

Needless to say, there are numerous things you can do outside in this last month of the school year to relieve stress and pressure from classes.

The semester is winding down and exercise is a great way to not get burned out.

Even if your work load is heavy, make time to relax, and enjoy the coming spring and summer weather.

At this time of the year, the Midwest has a lot to offer. Spring is a great season, so do something fun and energetic; let loose and let your mind wander from school for an hour.

Most importantly, just get out and enjoy this spring before Wisconsin-like weather returns.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

In the indoor season, Laura Verdegan won the national triple jump title. Her outdoor season began with a triple jump win.

Track /falling records

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not compete in the indoor season, had a throw of 150-feet.

The men's team rounded out the top performers with three fourth place finishers. Jason Geiger took his fourth in the pole vault, while Craig Kotsmith and Dave Hanson had their top five finishes in the 400-meter dash and 400-meter high hurdles.

The Blue Devil track team is back in action this Friday when the team travels to the Gustavus Adolphus Invite.

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Punching it out at Stout

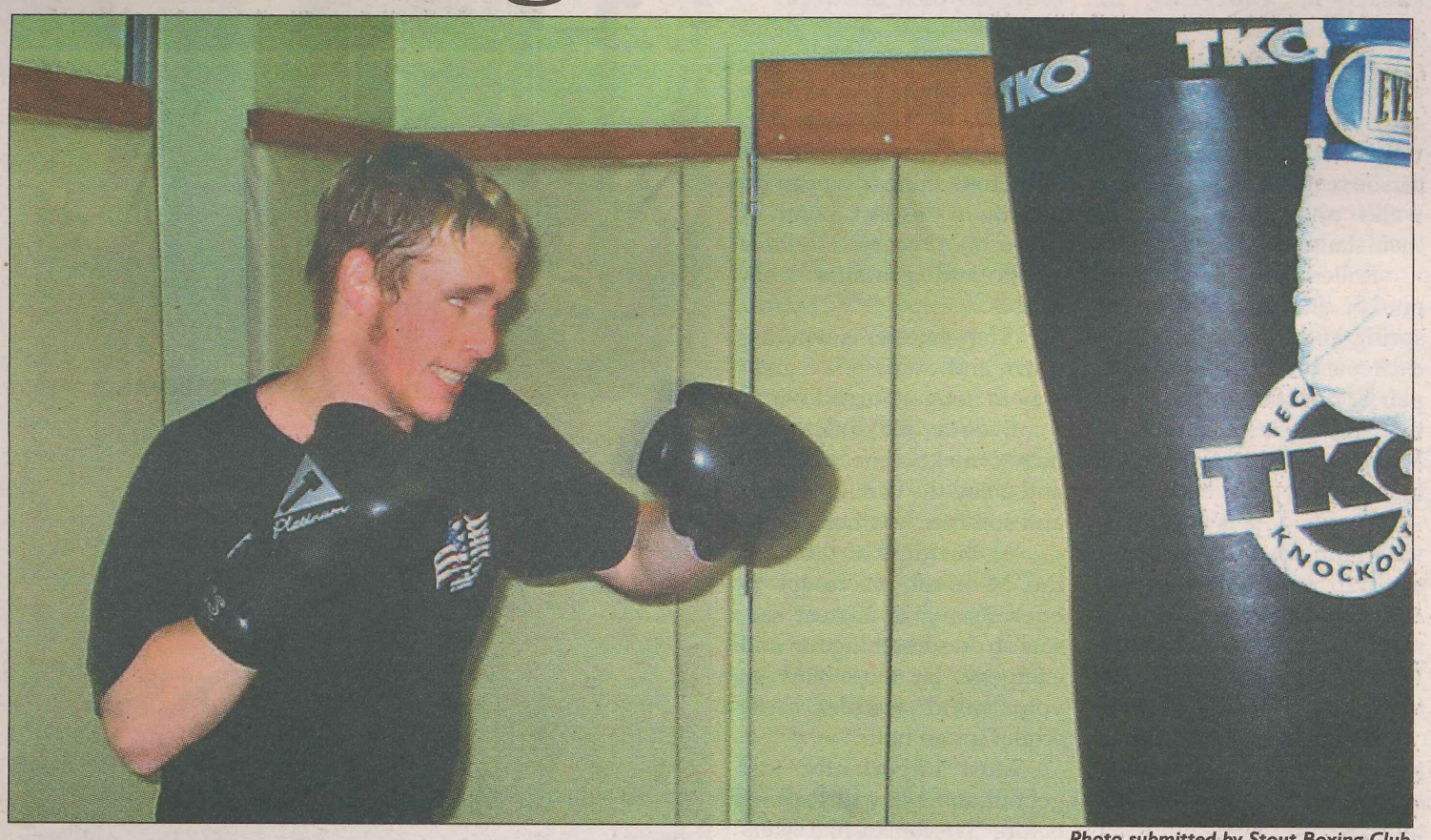


Photo submitted by Stout Boxing Club

Boxing club president, Justin Teske, hits a heavy bag during practice. The boxing club is one of the fastest growing clubs on campus and encourages anyone interested in getting a good workout to join.

Amy Stoegbauer

The boxing club is one of the fastest growing clubs currently in the recreation commission.

Starting just three years ago with 3-4 members, the club now has 20 active members, including both males and females.

The club was started by current president Justin Teske and originally practiced in the CKTO basement with equipment checked out from the front desk.

The club was officially recognized by the SSA in 2001 and received funding for the first time in 2003.

It now practice at various times Monday through Thursday night in the Sports & Fitness Center throughout the year and is always ready for a fight.

While there are currently no fights scheduled for the remainder of the year, new matches can come up with little notice.

Four people have competed this year in the Twin Cities and Menomonie area. The team currently boasts a 12-3 record.

"The club is a great learning enviroment, as well as an opportunity for people just looking to get a workout," said vice president Brent Anderson. "It appeals to both men and women alike."

Practices are open to anyone interested in learning more about boxing or just looking for a good cardiovascular workout.

Members are not required to fight and do not have to be able to make a big commitment. Some current members are involved only for the physical activity with no desire to compete.

"Our practices are really laid back," said Teske. "We can cater to anyone's ability level or interest."

Practices generally consist of an ab and push-up routine followed by a few rounds on the heavy bag, which is a 100-pound punching bag.

Members then move into an overall cardio activity such as jump rope or running.

More advanced or interested members can also work on defense and footwork, as well as sparring.

"Most people start with little or no experience, but usually grow into solid fighters within a few months," said Teske.

The club would like to challenge students to come out and try boxing for a week, even if it is just for a good allover workout.

All equipment is provided and beginners are welcome. If there is an interest in competing, the members will help train and find fights.

The club hopes to continue to grow and find new fights for next year, possibly throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Anyone interested in learning more about boxing should contact the club president at teskej@uwstout.edu.

Records fall at first meet

Wesley Simonis

The Blue Devil track team has started up the outdoor season by having several performers not only finish near the top, but the team's members broke four school records in the first meet of the season.

The team competed in the Washington University Invitational on April 3 in St. Louis, Mo.

Indoor triple jump national champion, Laura Verdegan, took first in the long jump and triple jump.

Verdegan shattered her own long jump record with a jump of over 18 feet. Her winning triple jump was 39-feet 9-inches.

In the hammer throw, Marci Schachtner crushed her own school record with a distance of 161-feet 3-inches. The throw broke her previous best by seven feet.

Both Schachtner and Verdegan had NCAA Division III provisional qualifying distances in their respective events.

"We have had a fantastic start to our outdoor season," said head women's coach Joe Harlan. "It was good to see the girls perform well."

Tracy Oostdyk and Liana Frisch also claimed new school records in the opening meet. Oostdyk broke her own time in the 3000-meter steeplechase, while Frisch broke a record that stood for two years in the pole vault.

Frisch took seventh place with a leap of 9-feet 6-inches.

"We are a constantly improving team," said Harlan. "It's something we work at doing each meet."

The men's team saw success in the first meet of the outdoor season as well with four competitors placing in the top five of their events.

Freshman Ryan Kawski made his University of Wisconsin-Stout track debut with a second place finish in the discus. Kawski, who did

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Game 2	
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Stout	Hamline
Game 1	
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Game 2	
7	2

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Next Game:
April 8 hosting River Falls



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Stafford wins election

Tim Krueger

The Stout Student Association (SSA) election was held last Thursday, April 8 to elect representatives for the 2004-05 school year, as well as make a decision on the referendum for United Council.

This year, 1,043 students used the e-Scholar Portal to vote. This is down from 1,078 last year, and up from 478 voters in 2002 and 54 voters in 2001.

The new president of the student body is Bradley Stafford, a junior in industrial design who has ambitious plans to help the students of University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"[I want to] change the laptop program to meet students' needs," Stafford said. "Some specific issues with the program I want to change is to offer a buy-out option at the end of the lease like students were promised.

"Also, an opt-out option where the student pays a reduced fee and signs a contract that states they will purchase a laptop on their own that will fulfill the needs of the program."



Courtesy I@n DeGraff

Former Stout Student Association (SSA) president, David Hay, (left) passes the gavel to SSA's new president, junior Bradley Stafford, (right) at SSA's meeting Tuesday night.

Technology and its uses on campus for students and student employees will be the primary concern for Stafford, who also has visions of a workers' union for student employees.

"I would like to form a student organization to represent university-employed students. This organization could act as union to resolve university-employed student issues," said Stafford.

Such a union could help student employees in bargaining, as many of these students believe that they are underpaid for the work that they do.

Stafford is a member of Chi Lambda, Inter Fraternity Council, Industrial Design Society, 10 Percent Society and Blue Devil Productions.

The director of legislative affairs will be Shawn Peter, a sophomore in general business administration. He has been the president of College Republicans, so he will bring experience with him.

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Block registration leaves classes open for freshmen

Chelsea Rickert

A reservation on all first year courses, called the "freshmen block," has been issued for next semester.

This means first year courses will be reserved for incoming freshman, with the exception of a few seats for other students.

"The freshmen block is a terminology that we put on those classes so that the faculty who teach it would know that there's going to be primarily freshmen in their class," said Shirley Murphy, associate dean of students.

The main goal of the block is to provide incoming freshman with foundational-level of courses in order to improve their success rates.

"We want to do a better job at being efficient with course offerings," said Provost Robert Sedlak.

Sedlak is concerned freshmen have had problems registering for the necessary first-year classes all students must take.

"We've noticed juniors and seniors who have yet to take freshmen English or math," Sedlak said. "This procrastination sets students up for failure.

"It was no intention to take classes away from seniors who should have probably taken them much earlier. We have dealt with seniors on a one-to-one basis to make sure that all the seniors have gotten the classes they needed."

According to Sedlak, the freshmen block is a structural element the university wants to use to begin programming students for success.

"We want students to think harder and plan better to fit the prerequisites in on time," says Sedlak.

This kind of block scheduling was introduced to the University of Wisconsin-Stout 10 years

*please see **Block**, page 4*

New requirements for education majors

Crystal Miller

Recent changes in teacher licensing requirements will affect education majors at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Any student who wishes to become a licensed teacher must fulfill new requirements beginning fall of 2004. The new requirements are content tests pertaining to each profession.

Students should not be negatively affected; however, some may be worried because these tests must be passed in order to become a licensed teacher.

"I am kind of scared of not passing, but I think they serve a good purpose," said Tanya Namtzu, a junior in marketing and business education.

"The State of Wisconsin has new licensing requirements going into effect August 31, 2004, as a result of meeting No Child Left Behind federal legislation," said Judy Jax, Dean of the School of Education. "The state passed what is known as PI 34 legislation to meet these new requirements."

The PI 34 is state legislation that requires teacher education program approval for licensure. These requirements are necessary for all education majors who wish to be a licensed teacher and affect all public and private universities in the state.

> "Teacher education programs are needing to make some changes to assure that our students are licensable upon graduation."
>
> **Judy Jax**
> *Dean, School of Education*

"Teacher education programs are needing to make some changes to assure that our students are licensable upon graduation," said Jax. "For Stout students, it means completing three benchmarks to assure the licensing agency and the public that our students know and can do what is expected of them as a teacher."

These changes do not allow for any "grandfathering in." Students are already taking the content tests; however, students who take the test before June 12 are taking it during the "no fault year," which means they will pass regardless of their score.

Anyone who takes the test after June 12 will have to get a passing score, which will be determined by how well the students do according to how the students do before June 12.

There are three benchmarks for future teachers to pass. Benchmark one is passing the PPST and having a cumulative GPA of 2.75, leading to acceptance into teacher education. The second benchmark is applying for student teaching, after which the student will take the content test. Benchmark three is completing the program.

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NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday: High 72° Low 42° Mostly Cloudy

Saturday: High 63° Low 52° Rain Showers

Sunday: High 68° Low 37° Thunder storms

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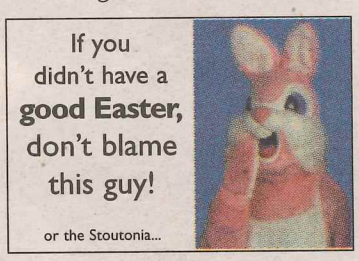
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Citations
University Police issued the following citations for the week of April 6-13: five first offense drinking, two second offense drinking, one third offense drinking, two fourth offense drinking and one possession of marijauna.

Gun or fishing rod?
The North Hall hall director reported to police on April 5 that the South Hall hall director observed a resident of North Hall carrying a gun case into the residence hall. Police made contact with the resident and advised him about the complaint. The resident showed the officer that the gun case did not contain guns but instead held two fishing rods and a reel. The case was closed unfounded.

We'll leave the light on
A JTC Hall RA contacted police on April 10 regarding a male subject who claimed three unknown males were chasing him with the intent of harming him. Upon questioning, police learned that the subject had not been chased by three unknown males. He had a falling out with some friends during the evening and needed a place to stay. The responding officer transported the subject to the Motel 6 at his request.

Steamy classroom
On the evening of April 12, police and the Menomonie Fire Department responded to an active fire alarm in room 250 of the Home Economics building. Upon checking the area, the fire department and police estimated the temperature in room 250 to be approximately 120 degrees. The heat came from the heating vents in the ceiling. All of the rooms in the vicinity also had extremely warm heating vents. The fire department believes the cause was a steam valve that was stuck open. The doors were left open to dissipate the heat and maintenance was notified the next morning.



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According to Jax, with this new law in effect, the students will be better prepared for their licensure. The goal for the education department is to make sure students are getting the best education and the school is producing the best teachers.

"Most of the states in the U.S. are using content tests of one form or another to ensure aspiring teachers have a reasonable command of the content that they are most likely going to be teaching," said Ken Welty, program director for technology education.

According to Welty, the test is more for targeting general ideas than technical details.

"What's still left to be resolved is what's left to be the cut score," Welty said. "That is going to have a far bigger impact on our students."

Welty also believes this test will bolster students' confidence upon entering student teaching, and it will also let the faculty decide if the student is ready for the position yet.

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Proposal seeks to equal out reciprocity

Crystal Miller

Minnesota public universities have higher tuition rates than Wisconsin public universities. But Robert Bruininks, president of the University of Minnesota, would like to see that disparity equaled out.

Bruininks has proposed that by 2007, Wisconsin residents will pay the same amount of tuition to attend a Minnesota public university as Minnesota residents pay.

"The issue involves how much tuition Wisconsin residents pay when they attend a Minnesota university under the reciprocity agreement," said John Enger, director of university relations.

"Generally it has been 'like to like' for the two states. A Wisconsin student attending the University of Minnesota main campus pays the same tuition as the UW-Madison campus. A student attending Winona State pays the same tuition as UW-Stout."

However, as it is right now, Wisconsin students attending one of four University of Minnesota campuses are paying between 14 and 29 percent less than Minnesota residents.

"Because Minnesota has made substantial increases in their tuition, some feel that the state is subsidizing Wisconsin residents who pay considerably less now than Minnesota students," Enger said.

"The proposal would have Wisconsin residents pay the same tuition as Minnesota residents. While this would make it more expensive to attend Minnesota schools, it does not threaten reciprocity. That agreement has been around for many years and is a great benefit to citizens of both states."

The proposal would increase the University of Minnesota's annual revenue approximately $5 million. Some students may see this as unfair to students from Wisconsin, but most see it as legitimate.

"I think it is legitimate if they are raising the tuition to make it equal for students, but not if they are raising the tuition just to get more money," said Wendy Bant, a sophomore in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.

Although Wisconsin residents would be paying more for tuition, Minnesotans see this as a fair approach.

"At Winona, Wisconsin has a cheaper tuition to go here then we, the people that live in Minnesota, do," said Nicole Jacobsen, a freshman at Winona State University. "It doesn't make sense to me."

Bruininks' proposal is similar to the reciprocity pact made between North and South Dakota in which students pay the higher rate.

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SSA / New leaders

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"Like I do every day, I will keep up on the current local, state and national issues found in the paper, at wispolitics.com and [on the] radio," said Peter. "That way I stay informed on what is going on and understand the latest issues that could affect the students at Stout."

Peter plans to make sure students are aware of what is happenening politically and hopes to get students motivated to take a stand on issues affecting them.

"I plan to keep in close contact with Senator Sheila Harsdorf, Representative Joe Plouff, Congressman Ron Kind and Senator Feingold about the latest legislation that will affect students and ensure they vote accordingly," said Peter.

Peter is also a member of True North Campus Ministry and People's Organization of Network Gaming. Peter ran uncontested.

All other executive positions in SSA ran uncontested, and they will be: Quentin Lenz, director of financial affairs; Anderson "Dusty" Perryman III, director of diversity; and Jenny Schuh, director of academic affairs.

The election also determined whether or not UW-Stout should join United Council. The referendum came back with a resounding "no." The vote was 463 to 163.

This means UW-Stout will not join United Council and will remain one of three schools that operate independently for representation in the state legislature. The other schools are the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and the University of Wisconsin-Richland.

United Council membership will be reviewed by SSA every two years.

Stafford received 285 votes. His opponents, Justin Teske and Isaac Zimmermann, received 255 and 79 votes respectively.

This was the second year SSA elections were held on e-Scholar. Elections for SSA senators will be held during the fall to allow freshman students to get involved.

Block / Courses open on July 9

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ago. The response at that time was very positive and labor intensive. However, there was a change in leadership positions and the scheduling was not sustained.

"The university lost 25 positions last year and 16 were in the instructional area," Sedlak said. "We needed to find a way to improve the efficiency and success of the prerequisite courses."

Teresa Bignell, a sophomore majoring in psychology, still has first year courses to take. Although she partially agrees with it, she is not excited about the freshmen block.

"It's unfair to me because the freshmen will get to take classes before I do, and I didn't realize this was going to happen," Bignell said. "They should have given us some kind of warning so we could have tried to catch up beforehand."

Sedlak has received many e-mails from students concerning the freshmen block.

"They just need to realize that our intention is to monitor the demand and need, and we will be adding additional sections," Sedlak said.

When students register online, they are asked to fill out a survey indicating what courses they have attempted and failed to register for. The survey results are monitored and will identify which classes need to have seat adjustments between sections so students will be able to get the classes that they need to graduate.

> "We want to do a better job at being efficient with our course offerings."
>
> **Robert Sedlak**
> *Provost*

"We are not trying to do harm to any of the students; we are trying to get students into the proper rotation of classes they should be taking," says Sedlak.

Online courses, however, remain unblocked for the time being. Murphy believes first year students are typically not ready for online classes.

"Freshmen need the face-to-face contact that the classroom experience has to offer," said Murphy.

Murphy also states it is too early to say if online courses will always be block-free.

"You really need to be motivated and have the self discipline to stay with online classes," she says. "If you have five other classes and one online, which one are you more likely to put off?" Again, the motive for student success is reiterated.

After July 9, reserved seats that remain empty will be opened up so that students can sign up for these blocked courses. Students will then have six weeks to adjust their schedules accordingly and also give the university a snapshot of the demand for courses that students need.

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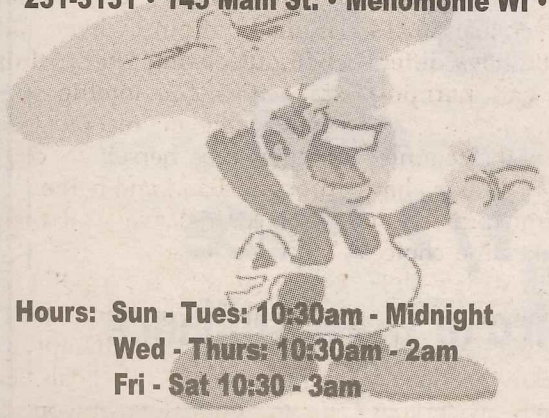
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Why does the American President have to talk to the American people during the time slot of American Idol?

If all the pretty people die



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

Image.

We live by it.

"Did you see that girl yesterday in class? Man, she was so hot."

"Did you see that ad for Bush? What a crock!"

Image.

There is no denying the fact that our lives are based on the images we are shown.

In a world of Internet and 24-hour news channels, we shouldn't be surprised to look up and find no one is who they appear to be. It is hard to imagine a world where everything is as it appears. We live in a Matrix, and don't even realize it.

New York, Los Angeles and Miami are all cities of image. Just mentioning one of those cities to a person will stir accompanying images of the said city.

Images of Los Angeles are burning hot and contain movie stars.

New York is a number of landmarks and large buildings.

Miami is bikinis and sunshine.

Unfortunately all of these cities have crime, pollution and despair mixed with their shiny exteriors.

It is sad that people feel the need to wear only the best brands. It's one thing to look nice, but altogether a different story when a person won't wear a shirt because it's not Abercrombie & Fitch.

Here's a terrible thought. What if all the pretty people died?

Recently the Onion's online site posted a headline that read something to the effect of "Bush, Kerry shift focus of negative ads to bash voters."

Sounds crazy, right? We'd never vote for someone who insulted us.

Sure we would. We are American after all, land of the free and impressionable. Is it beyond reason to believe that if a candidate had a funny commercial that made fun of non-voters that he could possibly get more people to vote for him?



We are a society that lives based on image. Leaders present themselves as flawless saviors, and that is what we have come to expect from them. The image leaders have shown their people for centuries is beginning to be a problem. What candidate hasn't done something wrong in their lives? And who are we to judge these people?

We are the audience. We are the eyes and ears that they need to appease, in order to have power. As a whole, the nation gets its news from the tube.

This campus probably gets more news from Dan Patrick and John Stewart than anyone else.

This year TV-Turnoff week is April 19-25. We aren't suggesting you should actually turn off your TV. You might miss an episode of The Bachelor or SportsCenter.

Well, we'd love to keep on discussing image, but we have our whole staff working on figuring out when American Idol is going to be on since the President didn't let us see it on Tuesday.

Proud to be a female! Hear me roar



PROUD GAL
Rebecca Werner

I am strong, powerful, intelligent and beautiful. I am proud of my accomplishments and am pursing my dreams with no restraints. I realize that the world is within my grasp and nothing can hold me back. I can do anything I set my mind to, and I am a woman.

Women did not always feel the way I do. Confined to specific roles and controlled by biased laws, most women have been seen as property and objects, both which are inferior to men.

Susan B. Anthony was a highly influential leader in the women's rights movement. She, and women like her, helped to change this way of thinking. To credit a few: Mary Astell and Elizabeth C. Stanton. Thanks to them, women today have the option of pursing an education, voting and holding a career for pay. These three things were the objective of the women's suffrage movement.

I am grateful for the sacrifices of the women of old who made my dreams realities. I honor them in their steadfast strength and perseverance. I must also comment that I am disappointed with where the feminist movement is today. What happened to the ideals in which the movement was founded?

A few lines in a poem from Anthony really convey the passions of the original founders of the women's right movement, "Yet this her greatest glory…she overthrew them; yet at last still held the love of women and respect of men."

I am not saying that we have reached a point in life where women are not discriminated against, because they are. I too have been in a position of discrimination based on gender.

My question is simply this: does the feminist movement today still hold to those original principles? If the movement was created to promote EQUAL education, then why are there fewer men than women graduating from high school?

Why are there fewer men than women entering graduate school? If it is equality we seek, then why do the statistics not show equality? Are we so busy catering to the young women that we leave the young men behind? Or do we have a stereotype of men that causes us to treat little boys differently, in the end harming their potential?

I think that the feminist movement of today has given women the impression that if she makes the choice to stay home with her children, she is a failure.

"No" you say? Then why do we ask mothers, "So, do you just stay at home with your kids, or do you work, too?"

If raising children is not work, then why are there so many unwanted children? If raising children is not work, then why do we not choose babysitting as an ideal career path? If raising children is not work, thenwhy are there so many children today whose parents have failed at raising them?

It's an old habit to ask demeaning questions such as that. Well, I quote for you, renowned feminist and author of "The Feminine Mystique," Betty Friedan, "[A homemaker is a] parasite …something less than human, living her life without using her adult capacities for intelligence, and lacking any real purpose in devoting herself to children, husband and home."

I could leave it at that, but I won't.

I want to challenge women to broaden their thinking. Let's attempt to achieve Anthony's goals, to obtain the "…love of women and respect of men."

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Letters to the Editor

Editorial still not right

I am surprised that an instructor and a student does not know what the separation of church and state really means.

Our founding fathers meant for the separation of church and state as this:

II. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested or burdened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinion in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.'

Thomas Jefferson

Simply put, this freedom gives us the right to speak of and discuss any religion without fear of persecution because our government is not bound completely by a religion based doctrine, such as the Taliban, Church of England, etc.

The separation of church and state is not meant to bar the discussion of religion in an open forum such as a student newspaper, public school, or college or to have religious symbols in public places.

The above quote is not from the constitution

Scott Jungmann
BFA 1994

Stoutonia knows not

In am responding to the Staff editorial of March 25 and the opinion column of April 8, "Fresh Thought."

I am a Christian. I am disturbed and offended at the opinions that are being presented and justified as factual regarding Christianity.

The bible has been controversial since its beginnings. Most of the controversy regarding the interpretation of the bible is between Christians not against Christians. There has been disagreement regarding its contents and interpretation since its inception. There has been and continues to be disagreement over the "correct" way to read and interpret the bible.

Your generalizations regarding the bible and Christianity as fact; are misleading. If there was one way of understanding the bible, there would not be a variety of denominations and churches.

I know that it was on the opinion page, but it was a Staff editorial. Therefore all staff has either agreed in principal or by omission. You may not have intended it to be offensive, but it has offended. I find the article to be judgmental of those who do not subscribe to your way of thought. I do not subscribe to your way of thought.

I have spent many years reading and studying the bible; also reading and studying commentaries on the bible. I respectfully disagree with your understanding of the bible. Your opinion does not represent all of Christianity. It represents only a part of the varieties of Christianity in our world.

Respectfully,
Pastor Carol Ann McArdell
Lutheran Campus Pastor,
ELCA

Bible editorial blows

I am outraged by your March 25 editorial. I understand that the majority of Stout and even the state is Christian but that does not mean all of your readers are. I was raised both Jewish and Christian and in reading your article it is apparent to me that your staff has missed some major differences, in the Judeo-Christian religions. Your article stated "If seeing is believing, then why do we say the bible isn't true?"

Clearly no research was done on the part of your staff, because the basic difference between Christianity and Judaism is that Jews do not believe that Jesus is the Messiah. They do not believe that "Jesus is the one and only man that… never sinned…" and are, therefore, still waiting. So while "The variations in stories within the bible are not contradictory" (to each other) they are not agreed upon at all!

And this is the entire that we have Jews, Christians, and Muslims instead of one, all embracing, religion.

The entire article is completely unprofessional and disrespectful to those who are not Christian. Do some more research before writing article such as this, please. An opinion page article by an individual is one thing, but an editorial written by or on behalf of the entire staff is another thing entirely. This is a state run university (and paper), and an article such as this endorsed by the whole staff is completely unacceptable. Maybe religion should be left out of it.

Sincerely,

Jane Weil
UW-Stout student

S'mores: a serious review



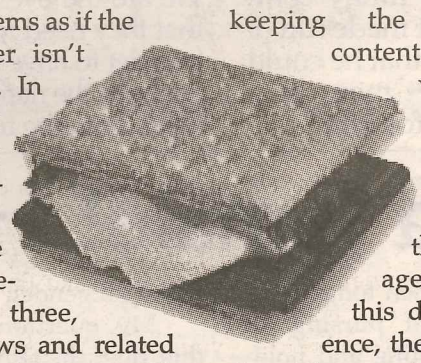
NICEPANTS
Matt Schubbe

There are certain things in life that I take very seriously. I won't go into the details of every single thing, but one thing I do not take lightly is my eating habits. There is nothing more serious than what one puts into one's body. As they say, you are what you eat.

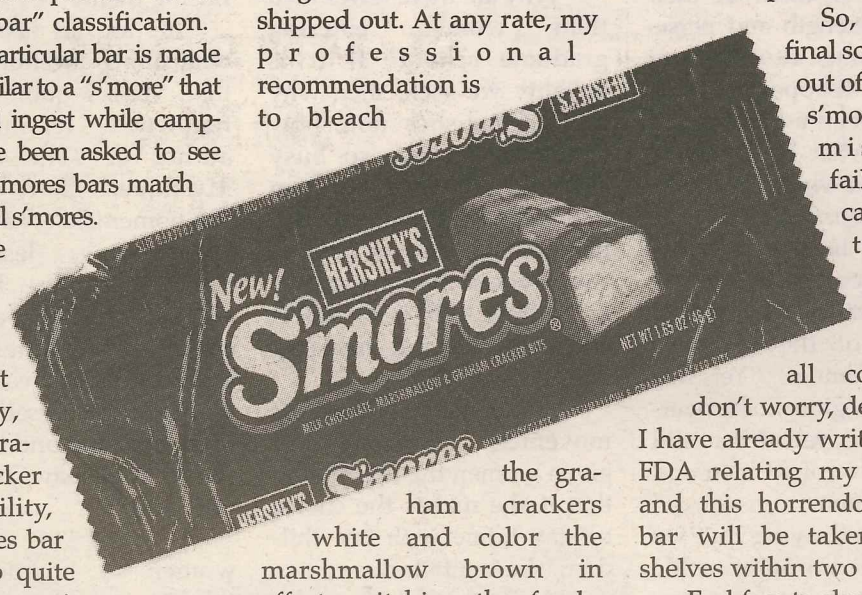
That having been said, I have been asked by the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review a new product of the "candied bar" classification.

This particular bar is made to taste similar to a "s'more" that one would ingest while camping. I have been asked to see how the S'mores bars match up to actual s'mores.

In the first and most important category, that of graham cracker crunchability, the s'mores bar comes up quite short in comparison to the famed campfire treat. It feels a bit mushy, like applesauce that has bad meat tenderizer spattered about on the surface. It's very hard to produce a synthetic crunch in a bar, but it seems as if the manufacturer isn't even trying. In this the first criteria, the bar fails outright.



In the second category of three, marshmallows and related gooiness, the bar again slides in under par. The marshmallows are, in all actuality, crunchier than the graham cracker pieces. Maybe someone in Research & Development should have caught that before these were shipped out. At any rate, my professional recommendation is to bleach



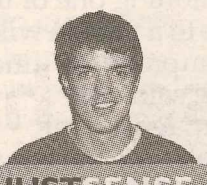
the graham crackers white and color the marshmallow brown in effect switching the foods, and making the bar a much more believable s'more.

The last category is, of course, the chocolate and other meltables category. The chocolate on the bar itself serves as the holding agent, keeping the remaining contents inside, while in an actual s'more, the graham cracker is the holding agent. Despite this drastic difference, the chocolate is the only area in which the s'more bar surpasses its predecessor. The taste is typically chocolaty in nature and is of pleasing consistency to the tongue. This is the only portion of the exam that the s'more bar passed.

So, with a final score of one out of three, the s'more bar is a miserable failure of a candy bar that should be outlawed at all costs. But don't worry, dear reader, I have already written to the FDA relating my findings, and this horrendous candy bar will be taken off the shelves within two weeks.

Feel free to sleep soundly tonight. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go cash my ginormous check from the FDA.

God save America



JUSTSENSE
Brian Legg

The recent bombings in Madrid and the ensuing political effects left the world's proverbial head spinning.

Some say this act should solidify America's course in the War on Terror while others, like myself, are not quite so sure. I think it is time for the people of the United States to take a hard look at where we are now, over two years into this venture. Are we safer and more secure as a nation? Is the world any safer?

What really scares me is people on TV speculating what political effect a terror attack in the U.S. would have. How close to Election Day would an attack have to be to benefit the President's re-election bid? How far from it to hurt him? We haven't had an attack since September 11, and suddenly, these pundits feel compelled to hypothesize like they're polling to decide the right day for al-Qaida.

It's like, "Well Osama, if you want four more years of Dubya, then you should aim for somewhere in the September-November range to rally the American people behind him, but if you're one of the foreign leaders that Kerry talks about but won't name, you'll definitely want to go pre-September."

What's worse than the speculations are those in the media claiming victory for al-Qaida in Madrid. Besides giving these terrorists their sought-after recognition and vindication, they oversimplify a complex set of circumstances. Somehow, because Spain decided to replace a Prime Minister who was a key Bush ally with one who opposed the US-led invasion of Iraq, al-Qaida got what it wanted.

Rather than an al-Qaida victory, Madrid should be viewed as a Bush administration failure. If we had convinced the Spanish people that Operation Iraqi Freedom was in their best interest and crucial to the War on Terror, they might not have opted to vote for an Anti-war Socialist.

This is a prime example of how the war in Iraq has actually spread insecurity instead of remedying it. Our allies are now targeted just for their alliance with us. Here in the U.S., we all but expect to be attacked between now and Election Day. The only thing left to find out is when we're going to get hit and who's going to benefit. God, it is great to be an American.

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STOUTONIA 1990s



SPACED OUT
Chelsea Rickert

We're taking the 90s by force now and have come upon the second to last year: 1998. The 90s seemed much longer when we were actually living in them, didn't they?

Things were starting to become more advanced in 1998, at least by today's standards. Windows '98 was released and is still being used and preferred by many people today, despite the rapid development of newer, faster programs. Gameboy Color was also released, along with the next step after the Tamagatchis: Furby!



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You remember that loveable little monster that blinked its eyes, wobbled up and down and spoke in an unknown language. It was all the rage during Christmas. My mom got me a Furby for Christmas, and it was haunted…it mysteriously died five days after Christmas, never to be summoned from the realm of sleep again.

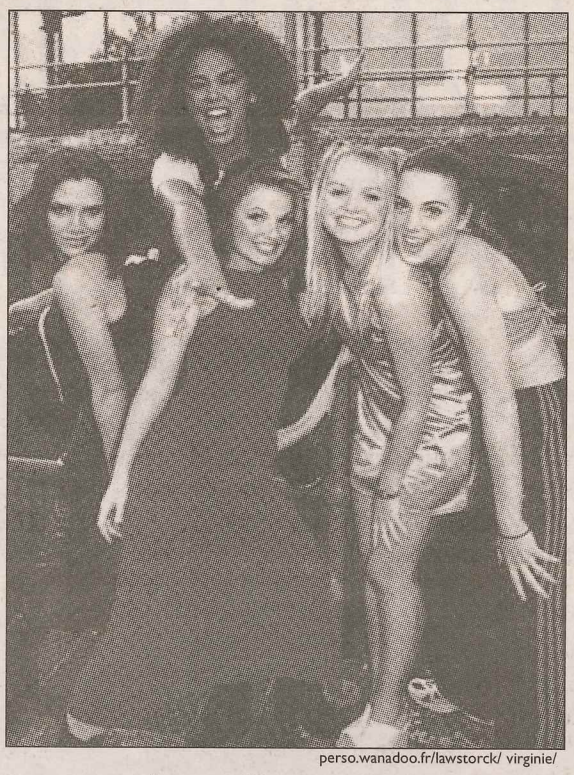
That is, not until that night during the summer when it started talking and "dancing" in the middle of the night, chanting my name. Yes, creepy.

When I turned on the light, it was sitting on top of my dresser where I had left it, but its eyes were open and staring straight at me. Needless to say, I gave my haunted Furby to my little sister.

The Y2K Scare was slowly spreading throughout the U.S. I remember the first time I heard about it, and I didn't really care. I honestly didn't believe that it was going to be the disaster everyone made it out to be, and if it were, I'd welcome it with open arms. I've always said we should go back to the naturalistic way of lifeless traffic.

Starbucks was growing more and more popular. It wasn't nearly as bad as it is now, perhaps there were only five or six within a 20 mile radius in '98, but I remember that it was pretty popular and I still can't understand why; coffee is just not yummy.

"There's Something About Mary" starring Ben Stiller was released, along with other blockbusters such as "Saving Private Ryan," "Half Baked," "Wedding Singer," "Pulp Fiction," "Armageddon" and "Spice World." Oops! "Spice World?" How'd that get in there…



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The top song for 1998 was "Jump, Jive and Wail" by the Brian Seitzer Orchestra. Following close behind were the songs "Everybody" by The Backstreet Boys, "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith, "I Want you Back" by N*Sync, and "…Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears.



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Britney was innocent once and all natural, too.

1998 was one year before the tragedy of Columbine, the high school shooting in a small town of Arkansas, but 1998 had its own Columbine pre-cursor. The scary thing about this is, it happened in Jonesboro, Arkansas, not too far from Columbine.

Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Andrew Golden, 11, opened fire at a junior high graduation dance and killed five, wounding 11.

The motive? Johnson's girlfriend had broken up with him prior to the dance.

GreenSense throws Party for the Planet



GREEN SENSE
Elizabeth Bailey

Getting down and dirty with Mother Nature! It's time to take off your shoes and feel the dirt between your toes. My favorite day of the year is just around the corner!

It's time to get excited about celebrating what our Mother Earth has provided for us. Earth Day is an especially favorite day to make an extra effort during the busy semester to re-connect with nature.

Earth Day is April 22, and we'll be celebrating in style this year with a "Party for the Planet" sponsored by GreenSense Ecological Club.

"Party for the Planet will truly be a great time for young and old, for students of Stout or students of the world. We really just wanted to have a celebration in honor of our favorite chunk of rock orbiting the sun," says Belinda Lewis, president of GreenSense.

Come out and get information on great topics such as hempen goods, yoga for health, green building, the Sierra club and natural foods. There will also be lots of fun activities such as papermaking, stenciling and drawing.

There will also be garbage bags available for an all-campus litter pick up. Every litter bit counts when it comes to preserving Mother Nature! The rubbish collected from campus on Earth Day will be displayed at the four way stop by the Memorial Student Center. Don't trip over it on your way by, as I'm sure you'll be amazed with the amount collected.

"Earth Day is a great time to pause and reflect on how we interact with the planet and with each other," says GreenSense member William Christenson.

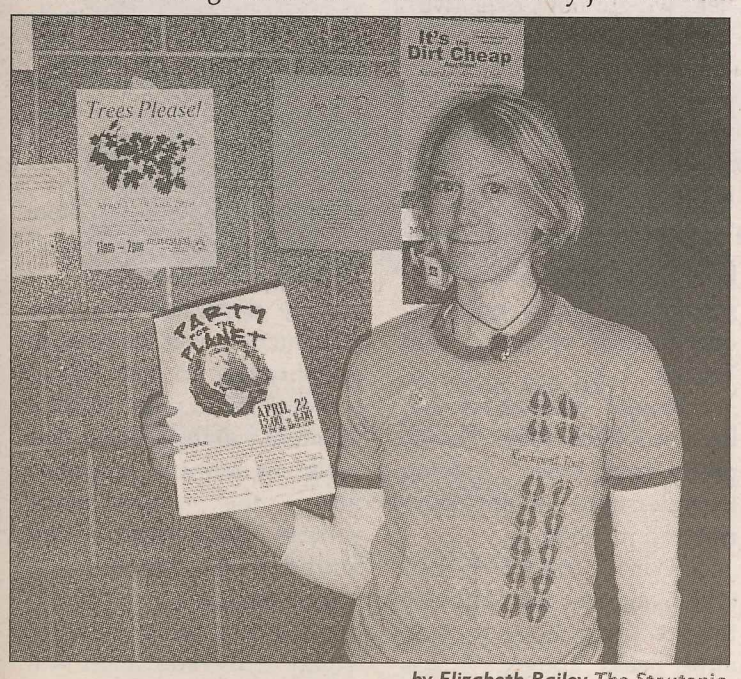
Keep an open mind and consider some of the new ideas that may be presented to you on Earth Day.

In 1970 we drew 46 million barrels of oil every day, now we draw 78 million barrels.

That's just one of many shocking statistics that shows the depletion of our natural resources. Take Earth Day to educate yourself about what you can do to stop our diminishing fossil fuels.

The way we approach life has escaped any focus on nature. The lack of nature in our lives has been proven to disrupt our naturally peaceful inner-self, thus leading to stress in our lives and environmental dysfunctions such as global warming.

Let all of your worries go, free yourself of any burdens and get yourself back to that peaceful place. Put on your birthday suit, and go hug a tree!



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Belinda Lewis puts up flyers stating that the campus' Green Sense Ecological Society is throwing a Party for the Planet.

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New Minor policy anticipated

Lindsey Schuldt



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

A new Housing and Residence Life policy, beginning fall 2004, will require a notification letter be sent home to the parents of those who receive a second underage drinking ticket in the dorms.

Underage drinking has become prevalent among college students all over the nation. Since many students aren't careful about hiding their drunkenness, underage consumption tickets are also very common.

Beginning in the fall of 2004, the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus will be sending out parental notification letters when a student has received two underage drinking citations on the UW-Stout campus.

If a first citation is issued within the residence halls, students who live on campus must have a meeting with their hall director. Their hall director will then put them on a probation status within the residence hall and send them to an educational program on alcohol.

Underage drinking has risen significantly within the residence halls in the past year alone.

"We are unclear as to why the drinking has become more prevalent," said Anne Ramage, the associate director of Housing and Residence Life.

In the fall of 2002, there were 64 citations for underage drinking within the residence halls. In the spring of 2003, there were 91 citations given out, totaling in 155 citations for the school year. In the fall semester of 2003, there were already 119 underage citations within the halls.

"Students don't realize that when they start getting one ticket after another that the effects last for a long time," said Ramage. "If a student gets too many citations they can lose their license, which makes their insurance go up and that kind of thing takes a long time to change."

The residence halls have a cumulative count of underage offenses, so that even if a year has passed and the offense is off one's legal record, it will still count on the Housing and Residence Life record.

Of all the citations from this year, 33 were second offenses within the halls, meaning the recipient may have had more than two offenses, but they were only caught drinking in the halls twice.

"I don't think it's right to send out a letter to my parents," said Adam Beers, a junior majoring in psychology. "I can handle my own affairs."

Once students receives a second underage drinking citation, they will be removed from their room within the residence halls and forced to move into a different hall. The letter to their parents will be sent at this time. The hall director will again put them on probation and they will be sent to another alcohol education program.

"One quarter to about one half of people [who get citations] aren't drinking in the halls; they come back from off campus parties, and their behavior is what brings them to the attention of the staff," said Ramage. "Their behavior puts the staff in a position to do what they have to do."

Once a student receives a third offense within the residence halls, they are almost always kicked off campus and must find their own place to live off of campus. The letters that go home to parents are much like letters other schools are already sending home to parents.

"I think they should not send letters out because we're 18 and adults and it's confidentiality," said Ashley Sauer, a freshman in human development and family studies.

More than just a teacher: a new view on Vranak

Lara Monk

How many of you attending the University of Wisconsin-Stout knew where the campus was located the first time you heard the name "Stout"?

Perhaps you had never heard of UW-Stout until a college fair or website search lead you to Menomonie, Wis.

Beginning at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, John Vranak, a professor of technology, traveled north toward Stout State University, a university he had known nothing about.

"I had never heard of Stout and asked buddies that were attending Division I schools what they knew about Stout, and all they could tell me was that 'can those guys drink beer,'" said Vranak.

"[I] could not put up with the anti-war protestors doing the things they were doing on campus," said Vranak. "The V.A. recommended I try Stout for pre-architecture then transfer to UW-Milwaukee when they had the architecture program in place. I decided to come up and see for myself and found that it was and great place to learn and have fun."

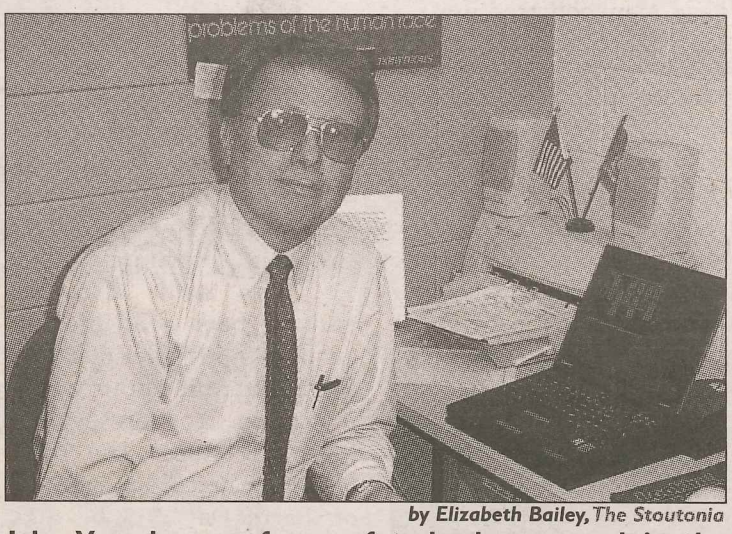
After Vranak graduated, he was awarded a graduate scholarship to attend any graduate school he could get admitted to.

"I went looking [Missouri, Arizona State, Purdue, Texas AM] and found Stout was the best program for the degree I was pursuing," said Vranak.

Vranak graduated from Stout State University with a B.S. and M.S. He also has a Doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

Even before Vranak discovered what UW-Madison had to offer, Vranak joined the Marine Corp. as a teenager with very little thought behind his decision.

"I joined the Marine Corp. without giving it a second thought," said Vranak.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

John Vranak, a professor of technology, served in the Vietnam war before he decided to pursue a teaching career.

"I forgot about going to college. I was placed in an elite communication battalion as an electronic technician."

When Vranak was 20-years-old, he was sent to Vietnam to serve his country. After a short time, Vranak was wounded when his radio jeep hit a land mine and landed on top of him.

"After being wounded, I was placed in a replacement unit and was put in charge of training about 70 people on how to use field radio equipment that I was uniquely qualified to operate," said Vranak.

Vranak discovered that he could motivate "some pretty hard cases," helping to understand complex theories and procedures.

"When I trained the battalion, no one was killed. I taught them how to stay alive," said Vranak. "I was proud that I was able to get them to learn the right information that kept them and others alive."

"The students at Stout can blame the Marine Corp. for me being here," said Vranak. "I never thought I'd ever teach - until after Vietnam."

Vranak has been teaching students at UW-Stout for the past 25 years. The smile on students' faces after understanding concepts that had originally confused them is what has kept Vranak at UW-Stout for so long.

On the other hand, there are a few things that Vranak dislikes about teaching.

He does not like "the bureaucracy that we have to go through to get things accomplished; inept administrators making policies that really undermine programs and the educational process." Lazy students with attitudes also rub him the wrong way.

Vranak is delighted to be a part of the education sys-

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A walk on the runway



Diana Minea

A little piece of New York, Paris and Milan is coming to Menomonie this Sunday.

The apparel design and development students are putting on their annual fashion show, Silhouettes, hoping to cat-walk into their viewer's hearts.

"The show is really the highlight of the year for all of the apparel students," said Jeanette Growchowki, a senior in apparel design and development and one of the show's coordinators.

For months, the students who have garments in the show have been designing, creating and perfecting their outfits. Participating seniors had to make a minimum of four corresponding garments in order to fulfill their senior studio requirements.

The theme for all the senior lines is "Bond Girls," which will be especially played up in the finale.

Around 30-40 students in the show aren't in the senior studio class and did the work on their own time.

Courtney Danielson, an apparel design and development senior, created her line "De-Funk'd," using D-rings, mini skirts and leg warmers.

"Everyone has a different feel to their line," said Danielson.

To begin the process, senior studio students were required to meet with the professor to give a synopsis of their line. She told them whether or not to proceed.

Each student had to construct patterns; many test garments and then the final garment. The entire process was very time consuming.

"Out of 11 of us, at least four were in the lab every night, so we became super close," said Danielson. "You make a lot of friends in the major; you haven't done it alone."

On top of making the outfits, students had to plan the show itself.

"Not only do we have our garments in the show, but we basically run it," said Danielson.

The entire event is student coordinated and planned, from the programs and music to the models. They predict it will be a success.

"It gets better every year because there were lots of check off points," said Danielson. "It looks really professional."

The show itself incorporates a wide variety of garments and styles. There is children's wear, club wear and even suits and jackets.

"It tailors to everyone," said Danielson.

The students will also be participating in a judging session. Judges from in the fashion business, usually alumni, listen to the students give presentations about their pieces and then ask questions. Afterwards, awards are given out at a ceremony to those students who show exceptional work.

The awards consist of money and a trophy, and are given in categories such as Best Studio Collection (for Studio Design Seniors), Aspiring Designer (for underclassmen) and Best in Show.

"It is a great showcase of student talent that many other students do not know exists at UW-Stout," said Lindsay Born, an apparel design and development senior and co-coordinator of the show.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

The Silhouettes fashion show on April 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall features garments designed by UW-Stout students.

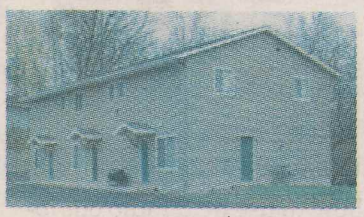
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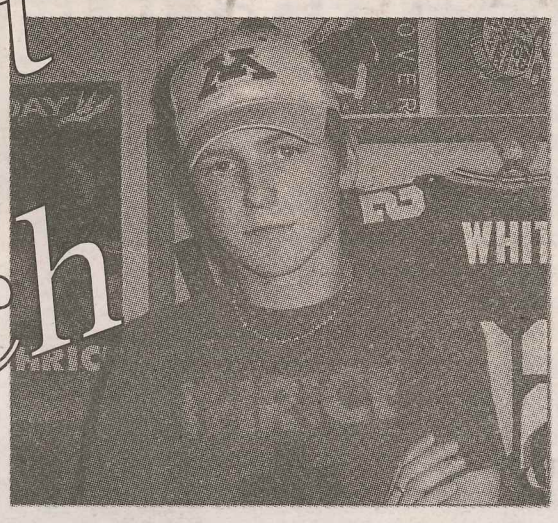


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Stout Watch



Cassie Davis - 20
dietetics
sophomore



Jake Scott - 20
manufacturing engineering
sophomore

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

Hometown: Cannon Falls, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single.

Nickname(s): I don't want to say because they're stupid.

Who is your favorite UW-Stout athlete?
I don't really follow Stout sports.

What is your favorite kind of candy?
Dark chocolate, especially Swiss chocolate.

What celebrity does your appearance most resemble?
I've been told I look like Elisabeth Shue.

What is the most overused phrase on campus?
"Bitch, please."

What was your craziest experience at UW-Stout?
Some of the house parties.

What is your favorite toy as a college student?
I love the game Twister!

Who is your celebrity love interest? Josh Hartnett.

Favorite Drink: Almond Amaretto flavored coffee.

What is a little known fact about you?
I've dislocated my shoulder 12 times since I was 16!

What is one way to get students involved on campus?
Put up posters saying "free beer." j/k.

Hometown: Shoreview, Minn.
Relationship Status: Tied down.

Nickname(s): Snake.

Who is your favorite UW-Stout athlete?
Travis Hoffman (football) and Kurt Lindner (Lacrosse).

What is your favorite kind of candy?
Tart'n Tiny.

What celebrity does your appearance most resemble?
People say I look like Topher Grace, Eric from "That 70's Show."

What is one way to get students involved on campus?
Trampolines.

What was your craziest experience at UW-Stout?
When I got busted for stealing almost 500 panties.

What is your favorite toy as a college student?
My N*SYNC bobble head dolls, Chris and JC.

Who is your celebrity love interest? Jennifer Connelly.

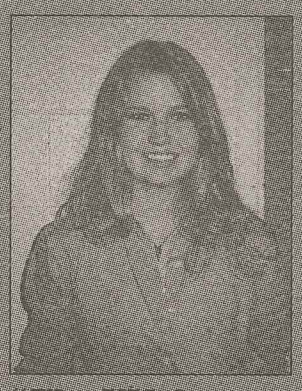
Favorite Drink: Cherry Coke.

What is a little known fact about you?
I'm a big Hugh Grant fan.

What is the most overused phrase on campus?
"What? Yeah," from the Little John skit on "Chapelle's Show."

Stout Watch is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students. If you have question ideas for Stout Watch or want to see someone featured, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Slant



"The UK, because I'm a monarchist."

Sara Bothun
general business administration
junior



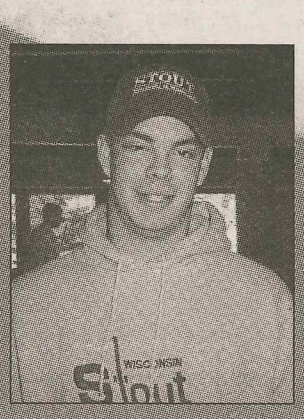
"Zambia, so then I'll be known as the Queen of Zambia."

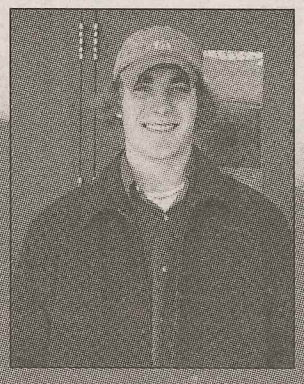
Liz Crabbe
retail merchandise management
senior

If you could conquer a country, which one would you choose and why?

"Mexico, because it would be the easiest, and we could have a year-round spring break."

Tim Elde
construction
sophomore





"France, because they don't seem to like Americans at all, and maybe we could teach them some manners."

Adam Miller
general business administration
junior

Next Week:

If you had to eat one kind of food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"Goodbye teenage years, hello me."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

This week, on April 13, 2004, I had a life-changing experience. I celebrated my 20th birthday.

I realized a few weeks before it happened that I would no longer be a teenager. It shocked me at first. I would no longer be a part of a group I had been associated with for seven years.

Since the day I turned 13, I started to belong to a group of people who were lost. Most people in the earlier ages of their teenage years were too busy trying to be everybody else, and spent no time to find out who they were. Teenagers seem to live for the masses instead of themselves.

In the days before my birthday, I prepared myself to be magically changed, to feel a sense of adulthood that 19 never brought. As the day came and went, I was never transformed in any major way.

It could be because I was insanely busy finishing a project and had no time to have a happy birthday, or it could be that we decide our own turning points.

For me, I think I stopped being a teenager about six months ago. I really started looking inside myself and realized what kind of person I was. Not everything was pretty, and not everything was changeable, but it was still me.

For once in my life I had an identity I didn't realize I could possess.

While this sounds like it would make me strong, it pulled me to my weakest level. I was criticizing every aspect of my personality, frantically trying to change the negative parts of myself.

This went on until spring break, when the wise words of my boyfriend told me to take it easy, relax and just be the girl he fell in love with.

I have still been critical of myself since then, but turning 20 has given me the mental ambition to just feel acceptance.

I feel as though I can stand on my feet again, even though my knees are a little shaky.

I am no longer a teenager; I am no longer a question mark. Now I can be me.

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tem at UW-Stout for many reasons. He's extremely proud that the construction program at UW- Stout is considered to be one of the finest in the nation.

"This was accomplished by the hard work of Hans Timper and a few of us other faculty with little or no support (money or staff) from anyone in administration. Hans championed it and made it happen, and I came along and helped where I could."

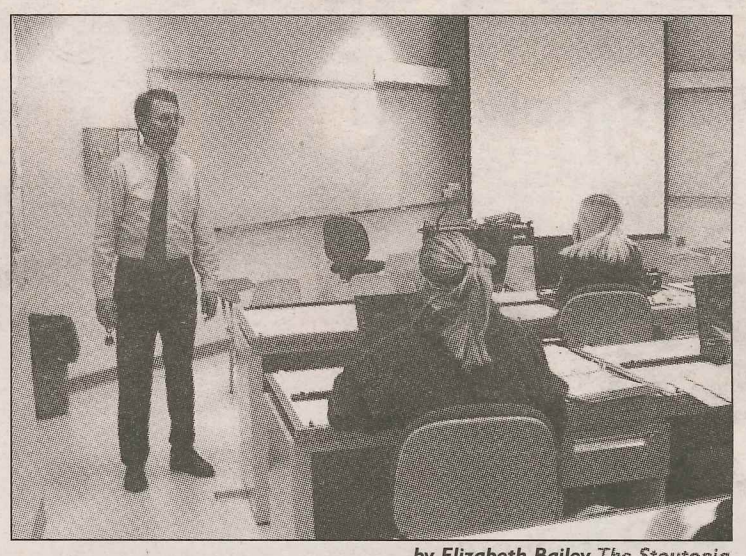
Both Timper and Vranak arrived on campus the same year.

"My first year as a student was his first year as a teacher. We've been friends ever since," said Vranak.

Currently, Vranak teaches two classes: Architectural Graphics and Site Engineering. The students in Site Engineering are regularly doing real world work. They're currently designing a steam tunnel for the dorms, but they've designed a parking lot, handicap accessibility ramps and this summer they will be working on a design for sidewalks around the dorms.

"I really like both classes I teach because I developed them myself and feel extremely qualified in teaching them," said Vranak. "Site Engineering has the most challenges and academic rigor, so it's my favorite. We do real world work for semester projects, and that's rewarding for the students and me."

Although most people believe "everything happens for a reason," Vranak says that, "bad things happen to everyone, and it's what you do in dealing with them that makes things turn out for the best."



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

While attending Stout State University, Vranak played for the varsity football team until his war wound acted up, forcing him to quit.

Wanted!

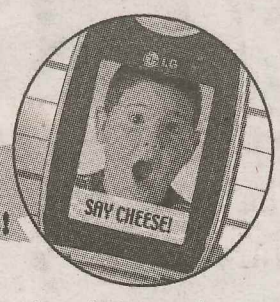


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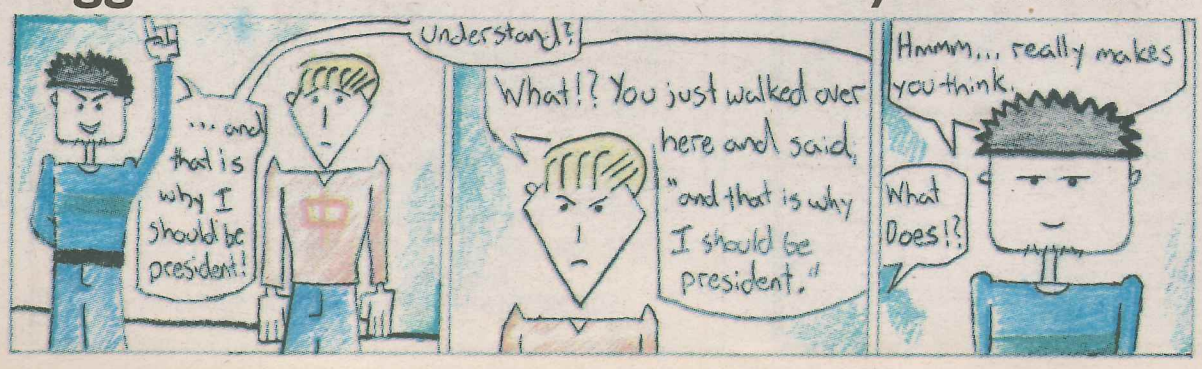
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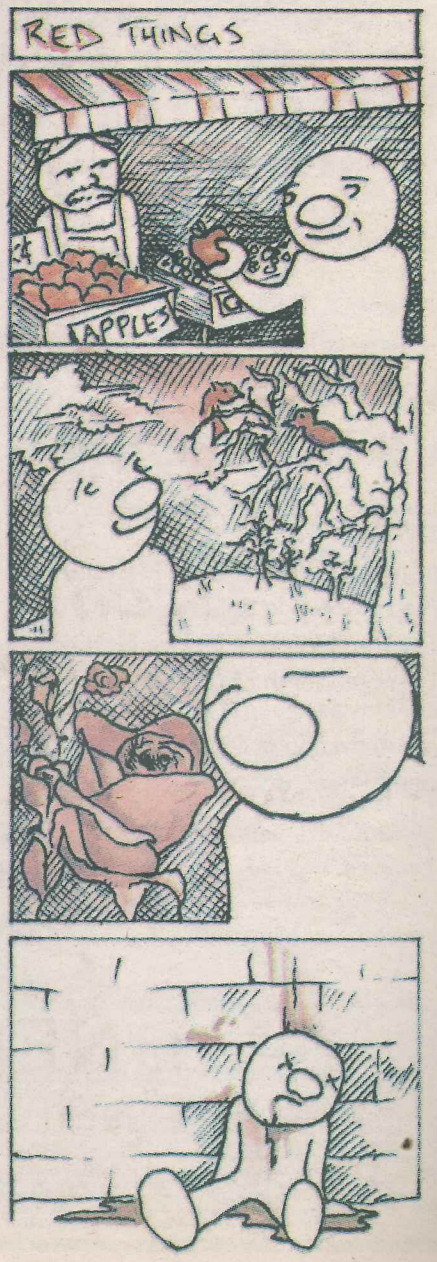
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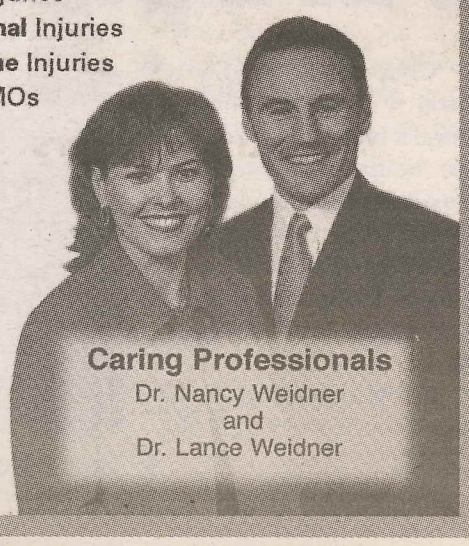
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The 411
April 15 to April 22

Thursday, April 15
>Glenn Miller Orchestra, 7 p.m., Great Hall, free tickets for students.
>"Barrymore," University Theater play, 7:30 p.m., Harvey Hall Theater, $10.
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m., Acoustic Café.
>Public Sale, UW-Stout surplus property, 12-2 p.m., 817 S. Broadway room 146.
>Tri-Mart Spring Fling, Dunn County Rec Park, 715-235-2151.

Friday, April 16
>Prometheus Art Show, 3 p.m., Furlong Gallery.
>LAN Party, 7 p.m., JTC co-ed lounge.
>Tri-Mart Spring Fling, Dunn County Rec Park, 715-235-2151.
>Red Cedar Racing Season Opener, 7 p.m., Red Cedar Speedway.

Saturday, April 17
>Trees Please, tree donation, 11 a.m -2 p.m., in front of the *Terrace*.
>Baseball vs. Stevens Point, 12 p.m., at home.
>Turtle Tug, 3 p.m., Phelan Park, $15 per team.
>Wood-Carvers Expo, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thunderbird Mall.
>UW-Stout's Symphonic Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 2 p.m., St. John's Church, free.
>24-7 Telcom Technology Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 24-7 Telcom, free.

Sunday, April 18
>Auto Show and Swap Meet, 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dunn County Rec Park, $2 or $1 with non-perishable food item.
>Trees Please, tree donation, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., In front of the Terrace.
>Baseball vs. Stevens Point, 12 p.m., at home.

Monday, April 19
>Trees Please, tree donation, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., in front of the Terrace.

Tuesday, April 20
No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, April 21
No Events Scheduled

Thursday, April 22
>Guys and Dolls, Chippewa Theater Guild, 7:30 p.m., State Theater, Downtown Eau Claire, $8.

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

Stoutonia@uwstout.edu

Sneek preview for the parents



MUSICMASTER
Eric Iverson

Next weekend is Family Weekend, or as I like to call it, "Hide all my contraband and make the parents buy me groceries weekend." But seriously though, there are some fun things going on this weekend designed for families. I'll take you through the weekend schedule in chronological order.

Thursday

Starting at 7:30 p.m. is the one man show called "Barrymore" by William Luce, playing in the Harvey Hall Theater for $10. Show times also include 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Some content can be considered off-color, so the show is not recommended for children.

Friday

Mentalist Christopher Carter will be performing at 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center (MSC). Carter is known for his mind reading that will send chills up and down your spine.

Saturday

Kicking off Saturday will be the University of Wisconsin-Stout Jazz and Concert band in the Great Hall of the MSC at 11 a.m. Also going on will be the dirt cheap auction from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Crystal Ball room of the MSC.

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a carnival in the multi-purpose room of Johnson Fieldhouse. Activities include bouncy boxing, elastic run, jousting and many others. UW-Stout student organizations will be sponsoring fun games and awesome prizes for the whole family.



Illustration by Steve Poole, The Stoutonia

The UW-Stout Symphonic Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will be performing from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 310 Wilson Ave.

Magician Nicholas Anthony will blow your mind while you feed your mouth at the Sneak Preview Stout Buffet from 4 p.m. to 6p.m. in the Great Hall of the MSC.

An event no one should miss is the Pie-in-the-Eye show at 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the MSC. During this crazy event, faculty will get hit with a pie in the eye to raise money for the Dunn County Human Society. Can we request certain faculty?

Wrapping up the day will be the mobile game show ThinkFast! at 9 p.m. ThinkFast! is the nation's first traveling game show, in which competitors test their knowledge in order to win $200 in a 90-minute quiz game.

Sunday

Sunday will be the 37th annual car show and swap meet at the Dunn County Recreation Park sponsored by the UW-Stout Auto Club from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

There will be 20 classes which include collector cars, muscle cars, sport compact cars, hot rods, trucks, motor cycles and more. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a chance to win a Turbo 350, courtesy of Midtown Transmission in Eau Claire.

There will also be fashion, art and photography shows in the MSC and the Applied Arts buildings throughout the weekend, so keep your eyes open for signs around campus.

All of these events should keep you and your family busy enough for the weekend. Make sure to leave some time for quality Mom and Dad sponsored shopping.

TV series at a push of a button



HAWKEYE
Kyle Kingston

DVD collections of TV series are nothing new. Listed here are some of the more recent, high-profile shows being released to DVD format, courtesy of Amazon.com.

"Chappelle's Show: Season 1" collects Comedy Central's biggest breakout hit since "South Park." Presented in its complete form with hundreds of expletives removed. This show contains some of the most daring sketch comedy available on television, cable or otherwise.

On the other end of the quality spectrum is the sev-

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www2.warnerbros.com/friendstv/

While "Friends" is finishing up its final season, fans can watch all of their favorite episodes from the previous seasons on DVD.

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This porn star is risky business



HAWKEYE
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The previews for the "The Girl Next Door" show an "American Pie" knockoff with elements of "Risky Business."

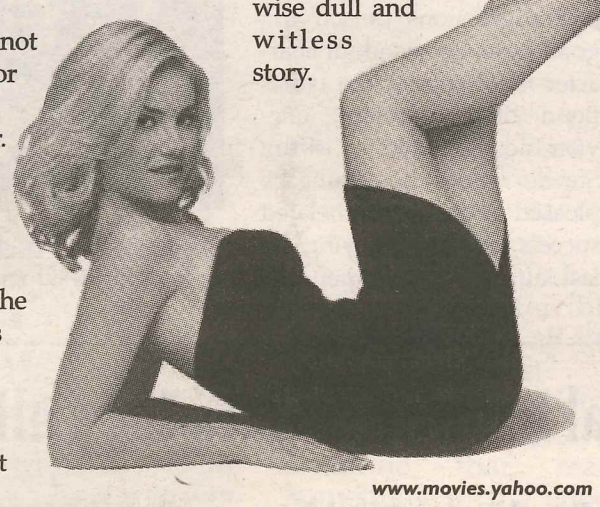
"The Girl Next Door" is far, far worse than that.

Starring Emile Hirsch and Elisha Cuthbert, "The Girl Next Door" exists as a kind of non-movie. Ostensibly a teen-sex comedy, there isn't much to support either element: few laughs, little sex.

Hirsch' character is the overachiever of his high school, whose future seems assured but he just can't seem to work up the guts to do anything daring.

This, of course, changes when a beautiful girl moves in—where else? Next door. What follows is the classic love story formula: boy watches girl undress, girl catches him and teases him, boy becomes enamored with girl, girl falls for boy, boy discovers girl's porn star roots and eventually decides to woo girl by taking her to a motel room….

Okay, maybe it's not so classic, or classy for that matter. The relationship at first seems kind of sweet, bu the story tanks when Cuthbert's character, offended at Hirsch's insensitivity (a motel room for God's sake), decides to leave town and go back to her old job. Enter Timothy Olyphant, Cuthbert's former boyfriend and producer.



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Olyphant alternates between playing a charming corruptor and a manipulative pimp, stealing every scene he's in. His character adds the only element of danger and charm to an otherwise dull and witless story.

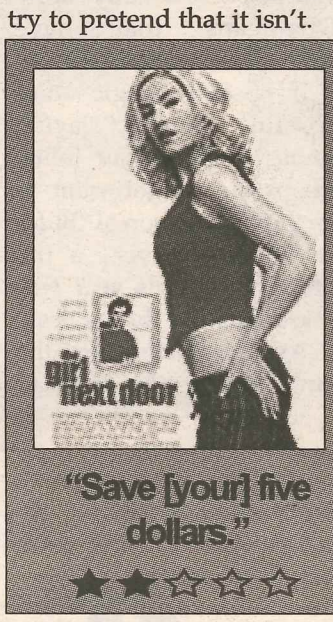
Story aside, what really hurts "The Girl Next Door" are the questions it probably didn't mean to raise. Somehow at age 19, Cuthbert has managed to enter the porn business, gain prominence, date her 30-something producer, become disillusioned and leave the business.

Granted, this sort of thing isn't entirely impossible (remember Traci Lords), but it would sure be a lot more believable if a little more was known about this girl. Not even a last name is provided; she is simply "Danielle."

What drove her into making pornography? What drove her to quit? If she's so disillusioned, why do her eyes remain as sparkly as the Olsen twins'?

If director Luke Greenfield took the time to answer these questions, "The Girl Next Door" would no longer be a teen sex-comedy.

Save about $5 and rent "Risky Business" or a porno. The former is what this movie desperately wanted to be but wasn't; the latter, while probably just as sleazy and terrible as "The Girl Next Door," at least doesn't try to pretend that it isn't.



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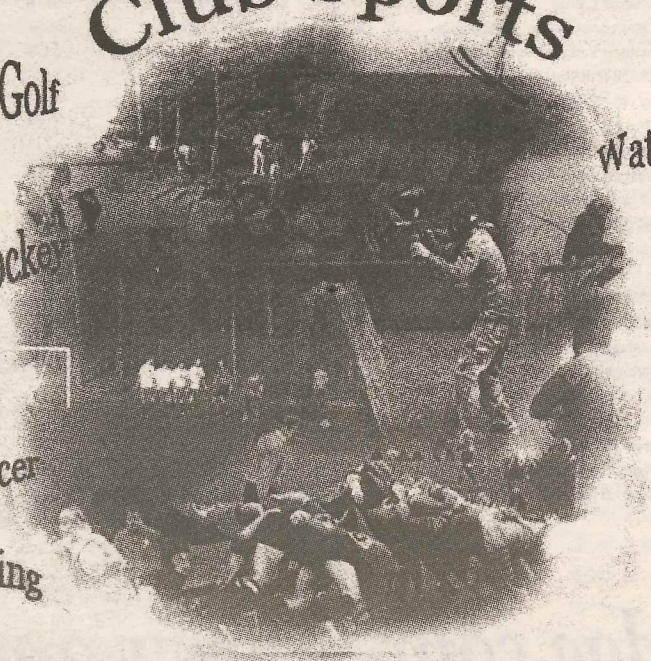
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DVD / Your favorite shows whenever you want

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enth season of "Friends." Devoted fans will probably feel obligated to pick this up, but chances are even they will feel disappointed. The white yuppies are still at it, but in one telling episode, dubbed "The One Where They All Turn 30," it seems that they might be getting too old to carry on the same pointless, occasionally funny shenanigans that have become their trademark.

If pseudo-magic and beautiful people slaying demons is more your thing, perhaps you might want to give the sixth season of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" a try. Unfortunately, this year was by no means the show's best.

At this point in the show's history, the WB had dropped "Buffy," leaving UPN to not only pick up the pieces, but to bring its star character back from the dead.

For something slightly more serious and reality-grounded, the second season of "The West Wing" is being released to a four-disc set. After the growing pains of its premiere season, the ensemble cast and intelligent writing are operating at their peak, giving the world a great presidential administration that could only exist in fiction.

Last but not least, is "The Family Guy: Seasons 1 and 2." Consistently too controversial for Fox—yes, the same Fox that aired "Married, With Children"—this brilliant, bitingly funny cartoon show was pretty much doomed from the start. It survived two full seasons and part of a third on Fox, but now enjoys incredibly popular syndication on the Cartoon Network's Adult Swim.

Now every misadventure of Peter Griffin and his family is available to be watched and re-watched by college students struggling to memorize every line.

Filled to overflowing with pop culture references and digressions of varying good taste, the standout character is, of course, the James Bond villain-in-training one-year-old Stewie Griffin. Stewie would no doubt be pleased at the show's belated success, in effect enjoying the last laugh at Fox's expense.



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4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$880	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$700	$175	$830	$208	Good location in duplex	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1380	$345	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$540	$135	$660	$165	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1000	$250	$1140	$285	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$550	$110	$700	$140	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$700	$140	$880	$176	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	1	1320 6th St.	$820	$164	$995	$199	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$900	$180	$1080	$216	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$975	$195	$1175	$235	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$600	$100	$780	$130	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,000	$167	$1200	$200	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,175	$195	$1385	$228	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1175	$195	$1375	$229	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
7	2	820 11th St.	$1750	$250	$2030	$290	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,500	$150	$1,700	$170	lots of room/location	H

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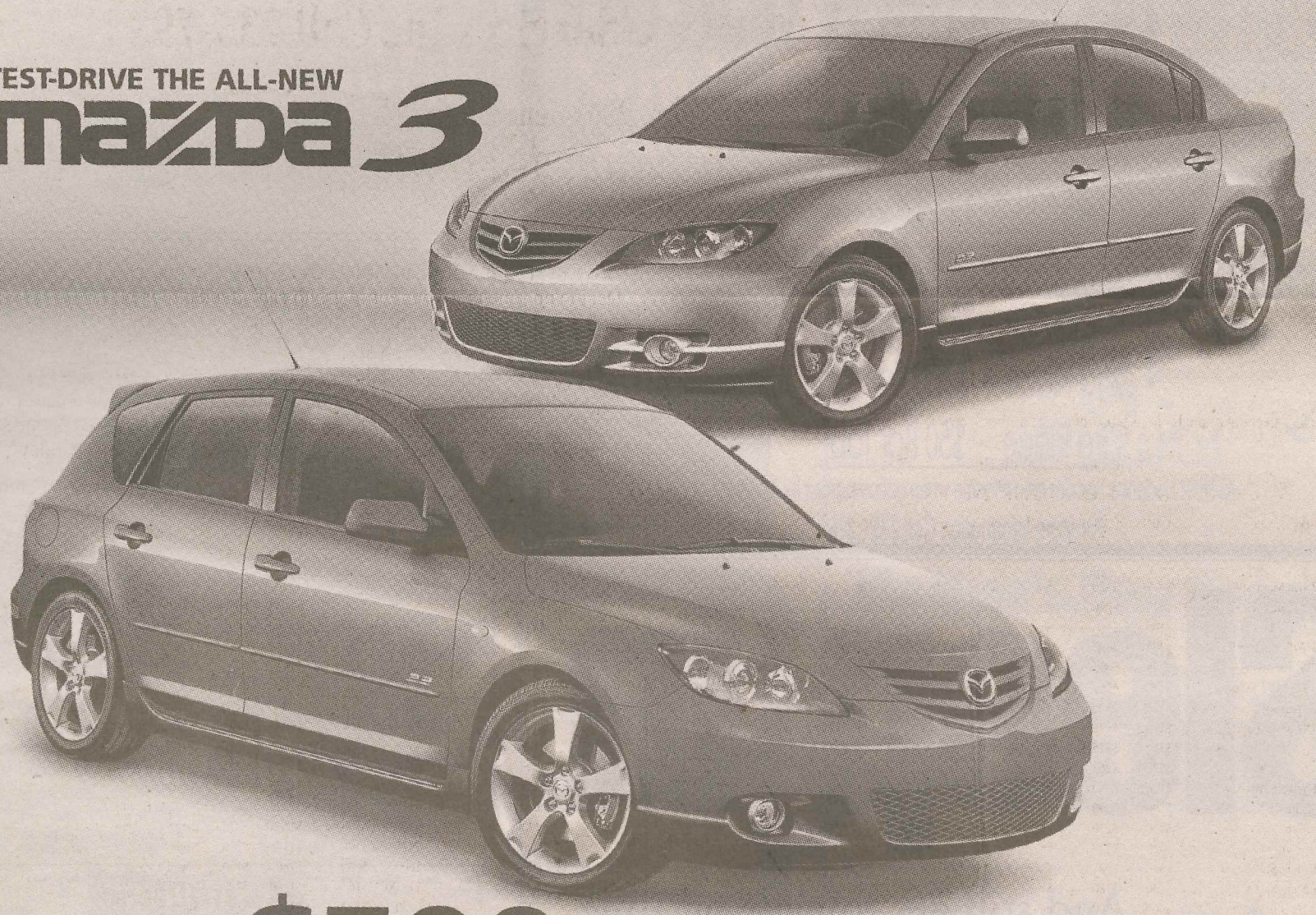
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Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Tracy Oostdyk
Track & Field

When a track record is broken, it's normally topped by a half-inch or a quarter-second.

However, some records are made to be shattered; senior Tracy Oostdyk broke her own school record in the 3000-meter steeplechase by 17 seconds.

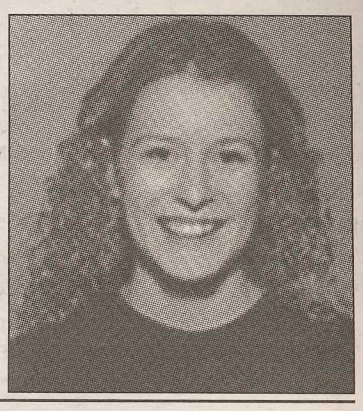
Oostdyk completed the run in 11-minutes, 32-seconds at the Lee Krough Invitational at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Her record breaking performance earned her the WIAC women's track athlete of the week.

Oostdyk was one of two Blue Devil women to break records in the invite on April 9.

The Facts:
senior
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Broke her own school record in the 3000-meter steeplechase. She beat her previous record by 17 seconds.



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Rugby/Mudfest win

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"Overall, the team played very well throughout the whole tournament," said Max Zukowski club president and packaging engineering major. "I was very impressed with the teamwork."

The team would like to invite the student body to come watch the alumni match on April 24 on the multipurpose field.

The season will then be finished for the semester after the club travels to Milwaukee on May 1.

The club always welcomes new members of any ability level. Anyone interested in finding out more about the team should check out their website at http://www.rugby.uwstout.edu.



Photo Courtesy of UW-Stout Rugby Club

Although the team had only one chance to practice outdoors, UW-Stout won the Mudfest Tournament.

Pitching gets a win

Wesley Simonis

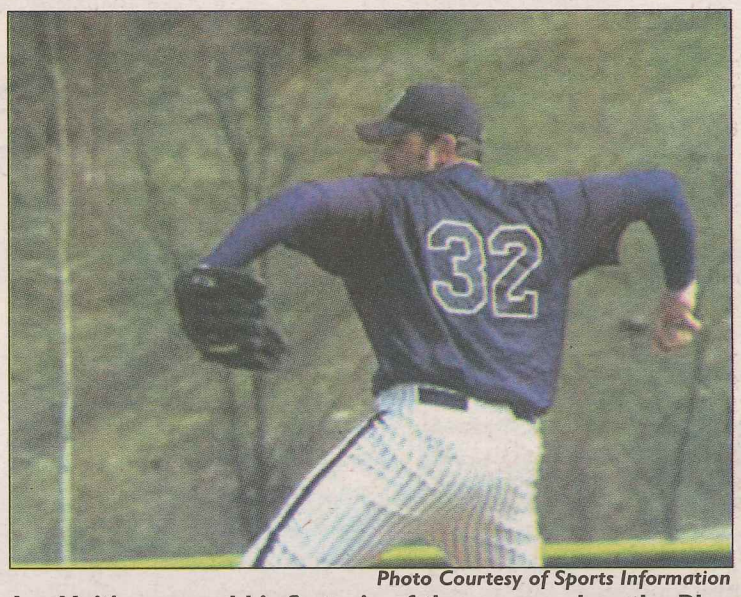


Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Joe Huiting earned his first win of the season when the Blue Devils defeated UW-Whitewater 7-4.

Senior pitcher, Joe Huiting, earned his first win of the season with style as he was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) baseball pitcher of the week.

Huiting received the honor for his winning performance last Thursday, April 8, when the Blue Devils topped the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 7-4.

The win against the Warhawks marked Huiting's first complete collegiate game.

It is worthwhile to note that UW-Whitewater is a nationally ranked team.

The Warhawks have a record of 16-5 and currently hold the 24 spot in the nation which makes the win even more spectacular.

During the course of the game, Huiting allowed 11 hits, no walks and had one strikeout throughout the nine innings.

It was in the later innings that good pitching and defense secured the win for the Blue Devils, as Huiting only allowed one hit in the final four innings against the Warhawks offense.

The Warhawks and Blue Devils faced off the next day, but UW-Stout couldn't get the bats hot enough to get a win.

The Blue Devils lost 19-2 in the first game and 13-5 in the second.

The win against the Warhawks only brought the Blue Devils record to 3-16, but with a season of conference play on the horizon, there is still time for some great baseball to be played by UW-Stout.

The Blue Devils will be back in action when the team hosts the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon at Nelson Field.

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"The sport of baseball: What we love about our nation's pastime."



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Football may now be more popular, but if you ask around, people are still likely to tell you that baseball is America's pastime.

What is it about baseball that makes us love it?

Could it be the enormous contracts or the steroid accusations that won't go away?

Probably not.

Baseball is America's pastime because it always has been. Fathers pass the game down to their sons, and those sons pass the love for the game onto their sons.

Eating a hot dog at a baseball game is one of the most relaxing and enjoyable experiences in America.

If for no other reasons, a family takes a trip to see a ball game for the bonding experience and to see the look on mom's face when you tell her how much A-rod makes.

Can't you just hear the sharp, scolding tone of a mother saying, "There is no reason that man should get that much money to throw a ball and run around."

She's right, but we still love baseball. Parents don't just root for their kids in the summertime, they play catch with them, take them to games and even coach their little league teams.

Coaching a little league team provides fulfillment for parents because they get the chance to interact with kids and teach them about a game they love. Kids look up to a parent who coaches; he or she is a role model times two--a coach and a parent all rolled into one.

Role models abound in the land of sports heroes. Kids yell out that they get to be Hunter or Bonds when playing a pickup game with friends. You have to feel sorry for the kids in Seattle when they had to start trying to yell Ichiro Suzuki.

Whether it's the superstars and outdoor atmosphere or the hard-working Joe's and Teflon Sky that draw you, there is something for everyone in baseball.

The best of the best

Amy Stoegbauer

The men's rugby club, which is celebrating 25 years on University of Wisconsin-Stout's campus this year, had seven players named to the Men's Collegiate Select Side Team.

Players must attend numerous try-outs throughout Wisconsin to be eligible for this team.

The final roster is selected by a coach based on abilities shown throughout the tryouts.

Players selected for the team this year are Mark Corbett, Jason "Kansas" Fredrickson, Justin Lattu, Brian "Big Show" Mess, Dan Langemak, Travis Weber and Max Zukowski.

"It is very exciting to have so many players named to the Select Side Team," said Corbett. "It is really the best way to get our club recognized in the rugby world and is part of the reason our team is so successful."

UW-Stout had the most players named to the Select Side Team out of all of the Wisconsin teams.

The Select Side Team will travel to Rockford, Ill. on April 16 and 17 to play other teams from around the Midwest.

The rest of the club will be competing in Battle of the Borders in Eau Claire on April 17.

Currently, the club is ranked fourth in the Midwest as a Division I team. The club finished off last semester with a 6-2 record, making it to the Midwest Final Four.

The team has also won the state championship title for the last five years.

On April 3, the team traveled to Platteville, Wis. to participate in the annual Mudfest Tournament, which was the first big tournament of the rugby season and involved every Wisconsin Collegiate rugby team.

The team went into the tournament feeling a little unprepared but still had high hopes.

Its 40 members hoped to build on the record-breaking fall season, but had only practiced outside once this semester. The weather was also less than perfect on the day of the tournament, with high winds and cold temperatures.

The team's confidence was soon restored as they breezed through the opening rounds with wins against Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The first playoff game also proved to be easy for the team, beating the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 29-0.

The win brought the team to the championship game, where it met its newest rival, the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

UW-Stout pulled through the game and won with a score of 19-5.

*please see **Rugby**, page 19*



Photo Courtesy of UW-Stout Rugby Club

The Rugby team battles for the ball during an event called the Mudfest tournament. UW-Stout is one of the top rugby teams in the nation.

Softball playing strong

Wesley Simonis

The Blue Devil softball team took care of some unfinished business before the Easter break by sweeping two teams and putting together a four game win streak.

The first set of victories came against Hamline University, a team that was in the top five in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) last season.

The Blue Devils showed solid defense by only having one error in 14 innings of play. The University of Wisconsin-Stout won the games 3-0, 7-2.

A standout player for the Blue Devils in the Hamline game was junior catcher Jamie Gorges. Gorges recorded two pickoffs in the game against Hamline.

"She has really matured physically and mentally over the past few years to the point of being one of the top, if not the top catcher in the conference," said head coach Chris Stainer. "I am very glad that she is playing for us."

In the second game before the Easter weekend, UW-Stout faced the Universtiy of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The Falcons held a record of 13-7 going into the game and left with two more losses as UW-Stout beat UW-River Falls 7-1 and 3-1.

"I think this was the first time in my six years we have been able to sweep the Falcons," said Stainer. "Boy, does that feel great."

The Blue Devils continued its winning streak by defeating the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the first game of a double header 2-0. The Blugolds got a win against UW-Stout in the second game 7-2.

UW-Stout will be at home again on Thurs., April 15 at 4 p.m. when the team hosts St. Scholastica.

Although the Blue Devils have beaten St. Scholastica earlier this season, Stainer says the Saints are a very tough team that is capable of winning any game. She encourages all fans to come cheer on the Blue Devils.

BLUE Scoreboard DEVIL

Baseball

Stout	Whitewater
Game 1	
2	19
Game 2	
7	13



Next Game: April 17-18 hosting Stevens Point

Softball

Stout	Eau Claire
Game 1	
2	0
Game 2	
2	7

18-8 overall

Next Game: Thursday, April 15 hosting St. Scholastica

Track & Field

Next meet: Saturday, April 17 at St. Olaf Invitational



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sports

The disc golf season is in full swing and the disc golf club will be hosting a tournament at Wakanda park this weekend. p. 20

Smoking ban signed by Doyle

Amanda Herr

Huddles of smokers outside the dorms will be a thing of the past now that Wisconsin Governor James Doyle has signed a bill banning smoking in and around university residence halls.

The bill prohibits smoking in residence halls used by the University of Wisconsin System and within 25 feet of those halls. According to the bill, violators will be fined $10, but local officials say the fine could be more.

"Until we get the direct wording on the law, we don't know if the fine is through a state statute violation that will be incorporated into our Chapter 18.06 ban on smoking," said Lisa Walter, chief of police and parking services for the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"If that would be the case, the actual forfeiture to the individual would be $131.50, which includes the many additional charges on all tickets written by law enforcement in the state."



by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

Bryan Millard, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management smokes, outside his dorm room. Governor Doyle signed Assembly Bill 207 on Friday, which bans smoking in the dorms

Last fall, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee all declared their residence halls smoke free. UW-Stout is the only remaining UW school that allows smoking in the dorms, though only on four floors, fourth Curran, fourth Kranzuch, fourth North B and fourth North C.

Doyle signed the bill at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh last Friday, where a three-year-old anti-tobacco campaign on the campus is showing results. The percentage of UW-Oshkosh students who smoke has dropped from 34 percent in 2000 to 23 percent last year. The goal is four percent.

The legislation was needed to reinforce existing bans, Doyle said at the signing. He noted that according to the recently released Wisconsin Tobacco Facts, anti-tobacco efforts are getting results. But many adults continue to smoke, and the incidence of smoking is highest among adults 18 to 24 years-of-age.

"These are our college students, who are being heavily targeted by the big tobacco 0," Doyle said in a press release. "This legislation gives existing smoking bans the force of law and applies a single, uniform prohibition throughout the UW System."

At UW-Stout, administration will have to decide how to enforce this new law.

"Our residence halls will all be smoke-free next year, as required by law," said Scott Griesbach, director of housing and residence life. "We will soon be discussing how we will manage this new law, and how we'll enforce it, but we haven't done anything yet."

Tickets for graduation in high demand

Tim Krueger

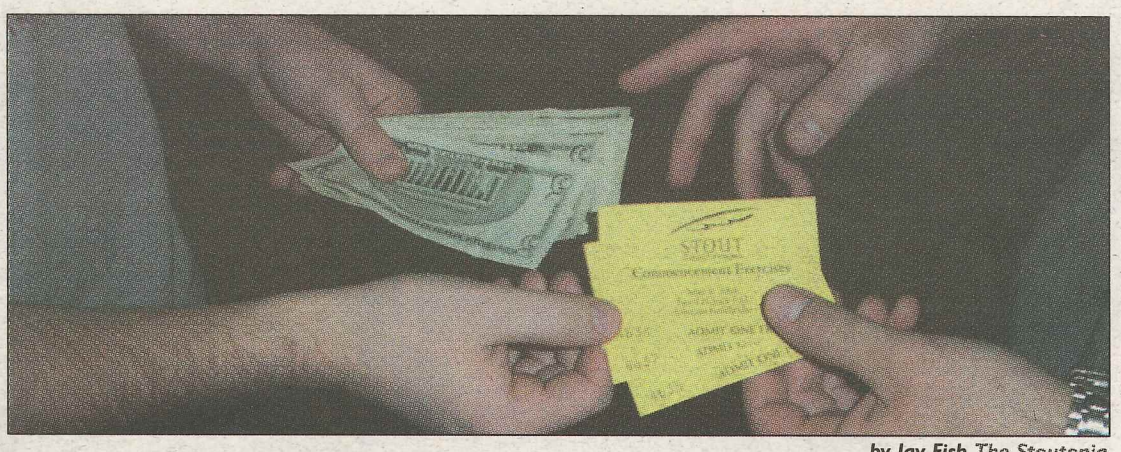
Graduation tickets have always been a hot commodity at the University of Wisconsin–Stout, and the problem is only getting worse. With the graduation ceremonies being limited in attendance, each student is only issued five tickets for friends and family to attend.

In typical years past, students who have had extra tickets have sold them to other students in need. Although selling tickets is against Wisconsin Administration Code, it has been taking place without any problems.

This year, due to an e-mail that was sent out containing all the e-mail addresses of graduating seniors, students are using the e-mail system to buy or sell their tickets. While the e-mail system has been used in the past, it has not achieved the ferocity that was seen in students this year.

"You cannot transfer a ticket of any type unless specifically allowed," said John Enger, Director of University Relations. Enger said the Wisconsin Administrative Code prohibits such actions.

Wisconsin Administrative Code reads in Chapter 18.06(28)(a), "Every ticket or other evidence of the right to entry to any amusement, game, contest, exhibition or performance given by or under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin system, or an institution or center of the University of Wisconsin system, shall be considered a revocable license to the person to whom the ticket has been issued and shall be transferable only on the terms and conditions prescribed."



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Ticket sales continue amid warnings from the Dean of Students that Illegal sales of tickets could be met with harsh repercussions.

Section (28)(b) reads "No person may buy or sell a ticket or other evidence of right of entry for more than the price printed upon the face of the ticket." The tickets issued for the graduation ceremonies reads "Admit One Free" on the face, making them illegal to sell under Section (28)(b) for any amount.

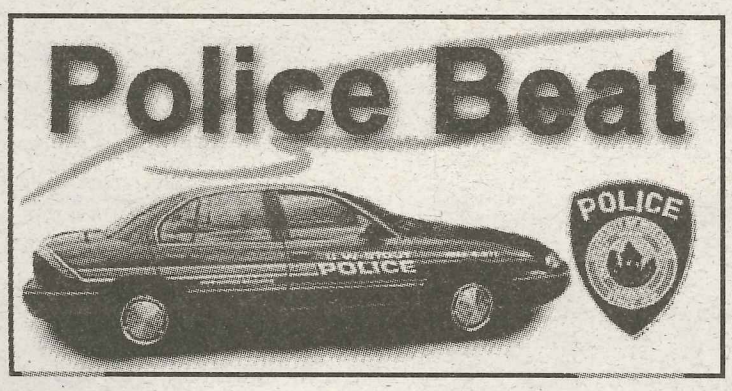
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NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday: High 60° Low 34° Mostly Sunny
Saturday: High 57° Low 37° Partly Cloudy
Sunday: High 62° Low 41° Few Showers

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Citations
Week of 4-13 to 4-20

Underage Drinking:
First offense – 2 citations

Public Urination:
1 citation

Balloons on Broadway
Police received a complaint on April 15 about students throwing water balloons out of a 4th floor Hovlid Hall room. The balloons appeared to be directed at people crossing the bridge over Broadway. Police made phone contact with the occupants of the room and advised them to stop the throwing behavior. The occupants denied throwing anything, but agreed to stop.

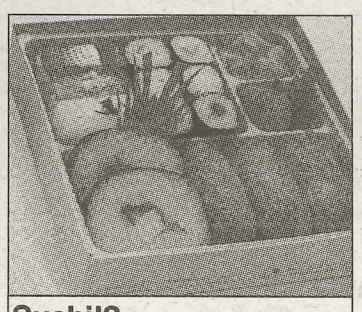
MPR Independent Woman
On April 15, police responded to a call for an injured female in the Multi-Purpose room of the Johnson Feildhouse. The female stated that she was playing basketball and injured her knee while jumping. She refused transport to the hospital by ambulance. She said that she would go home and care for it herself.

Fried Green Cucumbers?
Police responded to a fire alarm in JTC hall on April 15. Arriving with the Menomonie Fire Department, authorities found the source of the alarm was the kitchen of Jeter Hall. A student had been deep frying cucumbers and set off the alarm. Police located the student from an ID card found on the floor in the kitchen area. The student apologized and said that it was not her intent to set off the alarm.

Dangerous Drano
The Kranzusch hall director reported to police on April 16 that an unknown subject had set off a Drano bomb on the Oetting side of CKTO. The hall director was on the other side of the building and stated that it sounded like a gunshot from that distance. The hall director also reported that sometime in the early morning of April 15 another Drano bomb went off near CKTO. Small amounts of glass and possibly steel wool were found at the site of the earlier bomb explosion.

Romeo in Tustison
An Oetting RA contacted police about a fight in progress in room 163 Tustison Hall on April 17. Police found that there was no fight, though four students had climbed through the window of room 163, gaining entrance to the building. Police attempted contact with the residents of room 163. Police heard conversation through the door and identified themselves as police but received no response from the residents. Police returned to the hall later to speak with the students who had climbed into the room. Two residents of third Oetting met with the officers and admitted that they climbed through the window of room 163 Tustison. Police strongly advised them not to do this again. Police then called the residents of 163 Tustison and spoke with them over the phone. Both residents of that room also agreed the incident would not happen again. The students climbed through the window because they thought it would be fun.

Creepy Old Guy
A student reported to police on April 17 that she had observed a middle-aged man watching two female students outside the Memorial Student Center. The two students were laying on the ground, facing away from the male subject. Police approached the subject, asked for identification, and then asked the subject to leave the area. The same subject had been observed in the area last school year. The reporting student was advised to contact police if the male subject was seen in that area in the future.



Sushi!?
The only Sushi I like is in a burger. Mmm

Aiming for 2010

Tim Krueger

Starting in the summer of 2003, Focus 2010 is the Chancellor's Advisory Council's view for University of Wisconsin–Stout in the year 2010.

Focus 2010 is broken down into four broad themes: Academic Programs work group, Restructure for Efficiency and Effectiveness, Learning Community work group and Stout Technology Advantage. These groups are chaired by Judy Jax, Mike Galloy, Bob Johnson and Bob Meyer respectively.

Chancellor Sorensen held a forum for Focus 2010 on April 15, 2004. Stating his objectives for the upcoming years of UW-Stout, he stressed the importance of moving with society, to create an education that can provide business and industry with the needed human resources for the next century.

"What the challenge is, I think, [making] focus 2010 exciting, is how do we change in the next seven years?" asked Sorenson.

The main goal identified by the Academic Programs work group is to prepare alumni for success. By offering high-quality, challenging academic programs that influence and respond to a changing society, preserve and enhance our educational processes through the application of active learning principles, promote excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service and recruit and retain a diverse university population, the alumni will be prepared.

The need to diversify the student population was also on the agenda for upcoming years. Sorenson expressed concern that UW-Stout was relying too heavily on certain majors.

"By having [only] three major programs, it makes us vulnerable to having one go up or down, and by allowing more smaller programs, this will diversify. [This is] better than having eggs in one basket. This is expanding programs, not downsizing," said Sorenson.

Stout Technology Advantage, one of the four themes of Focus 2010, identified in written goal statements that they would like to advance UW-Stout, along with the increase in technology in society, and use existing technology to provide leadership in statewide academic development. This focus group has created an extensive list of benefits to students from their program, most notably creating students that are highly employable upon graduation and enhanced co-op and employment opportunities.

"How do we change in the next seven years?"



Charles Sorensen
Chancellor

One of the priorities listed by the Technology work group is to transition library resources to full-text online journals and texts. This would allow students the full use of the library from a computer, easing research.

The Academic Programs work group identified in written goal statements that the primary task is to provide society with quality graduates.

Providing a recognizable value for the financial investment will be one student-serving focus of the Academic work group, as well as preparing students for future on going education.

Learning Community identified in written goal statements that they intend to improve the learning environment of UW-Stout by fos-

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Phi Omega Beta appeals sanctions

Amanda Herr

The Phi Omega Beta (FOB) fraternity is appealing the sanctions imposed on them by the Organization Affairs Conduct Oversight Committee (OACOC).

In a letter to David Hay, former president of the Stout Student Association, FOB president, Joshua Kloos, said his fraternity is appealing the sanctions because they say there is no legal evidence the November 2003 party was hosted by any of its members. They attest the party was not held at their registered fraternity house, located at 314 3rd Street West.

The University Court will hear the appeal. The court is comprised of students, including chief justices Rome Cagle and Tonya Schuld. Court justices are Elizabeth Anderson, Jen Duffy, Charr LaFond and Marc Oberstar.

Bodies such as the OACOC and University Court are not legal bodies. According to the student organization code of conduct, the University Court exists "to maintain established standards by helping students and organizations understand their responsibility to the university community. The University Court focuses on peer involvement, which will lead to an improved educational experience for students."

The OACOC announced its findings and sanctions on April 5. They determined the fraternity's actions violated the organization's constitution and the code of conduct all student organizations must sign and follow.

"The OACOC committee finds that at a Phi Omega Beta fraternity event where alcohol was being served, several women were objectified and asked to participate in a wet T-shirt contest," the committee said in its report. "The T-shirt contest progressed into a variety of nudity and sexual acts being performed by the women."

At the hearing, FOB members attested the party was not an official fraternity event, and it was not held at their registered fraternity house.

"As a group, we do not throw parties," FOB members said.

Kloos, admitted he had been at the party in question.

Photos taken at the party showed individuals wearing clothing with FOB's insignia, as well as an FOB flag in the background.

The OACOC found that "posting of logos or other organization insignia that would be associated with a particular organization by a reasonable person constitutes an event to be considered an 'organization sponsored event.'"

The pending sanctions would put FOB on probationary status for three years.

Probationary status means the fraternity would still be a recognized student organization. However, any use by FOB of university facilities would require approval by an OACOC-appointed faculty or staff member.

If an organization on probation is found guilty of further misconduct, they will be suspended from university recognition for a maximum of three years. That decision is not be open to appeal.

The sanctions also included the following stipulations:

At least four active FOB members must assist SSA's vice president in presenting the code of conduct at the organization re-recognition process this spring.

The fraternity is also required to present three all-Greek educationals on liability and the responsible use of letters and alcohol. The programs must be presented by May 1, 2007.

All active FOB members are required to volunteer at least four hours per semester for six consecutive semesters at a women's shelter and a humane society. After volunteering at the women's shelter, members must submit a one-page report on how the experience affected them.

In lieu of one year of volunteer time, members may register and take the society and body image class offered by the business retail department.

According to the Feb. 20 complaint written by Siedlecki, college-aged women were admitted to the party and allowed to drink for free. The complaint states the party was held sometime between Nov. 2 and Nov. 8.

Siedlecki wrote, "During the course of the evening, these women were invited to participate in a 'wet T-shirt contest.' As the contest progressed, some of the female participants, at the urging of college men chanting 'skin to win,' removed most of their clothing.

"Photos of this contest and associated activity were taken and have since been distributed to students living on north campus residence halls and have also been posted to at least one voyeur Web site on the World Wide Web."

FOB was the first fraternity on the UW-Stout campus, founded in 1927 by William "Bud" Micheels. It currently has nine active members.

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6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1175	$195	$1375	$229	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
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Focus / Sorensen sets goals for UW-Stout's future

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tering engaged learning and expanding the opportunies to learn through a variety of methods.

Students will see benefits from the Learning Community group in better approaches to accomodate dissimilar learning styles and diverse backgrounds.

Restructure for Effectiveness and Efficiency work group plans to increase online classes, allowing a "School outside a School" to take place, so students from around the state can attend UW-Stout through online general education classes and even some classes in majors online. The ultimate goal is to create a portal to allow for off campus degree completion for technical college graduates.

Restructure work group also identified in written goal statements that it would like to create smaller, more focused majors and partner with technical colleges to bring their graduates into campus programs.

Linking technical colleges to UW-Stout would allow automatic admissions for technical college graduates to continue into a four-year degree.

Aside from streamlining the programs of study, Restrucure work group also intends to re-evaluate current programs, departments and colleges to better align them with the needs of business and industry.

Sorensen also expressed concern for the project implementation during the fiscal cutbacks.

"We have to manage our priorities short and long term, we are still in a budget crisis," said Sorenson. Sorenson wanted to remind groups that even though there are significant goals, they must be attained within the realm of the current budget.

Every workgroup has expressed concern for the budget, or has a plan to raise funds in order to accomplish their goals.

"The pressure is against us from the competition and the budget, and that is going to be relentless, so we have to be creative in how we think about this," said Sorensen.

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No trial for Helder

Helder deemed mentally unfit

Amanda Herr

On May 7, 2002, the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus had the attention of the nation when it was discovered that student Luke Helder may have been responsible for pipe bombs placed in mailboxes across the country.

Today, Helder, a junior who was majoring in industrial design, is still making headlines.

He was found incompentent to stand trial on the federal charge that carries a life sentence. If government doctors find that Helder is not a threat to society, he may be set free.

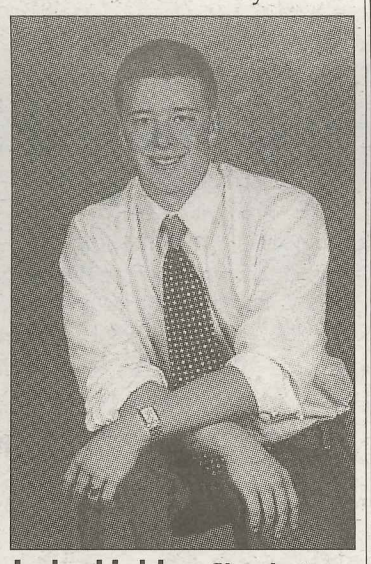
"In this case, I would think the government has some pretty decent evidence that he is a harm to other people," Stephanie Biba, a former federal prosecutor and University of Iowa law professor, told the Associated Press.

"I think it's unlikely he's going to go out and walk the streets any time soon," Bibas said.

Helder is accused in planting pipe bombs in mailboxes in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas. It is believed he was trying to make a smiley face with the placement of the pipe bombs.

In a competency hearing held earlier this month, U.S. District Judge Mark Bennett ruled Helder was mentally unfit to stand trial. Bennett also orderd that Helder undergo another round of psychological testing at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., where he has been held for more than a year.

Doctors will determine whether Helder poses a substantial risk to society.



Luke Helder, file photo

Tickets / Illegal ticket scalping

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"If conduct becomes egregious, then we do have the legal instruments to deal with it," said Enger.

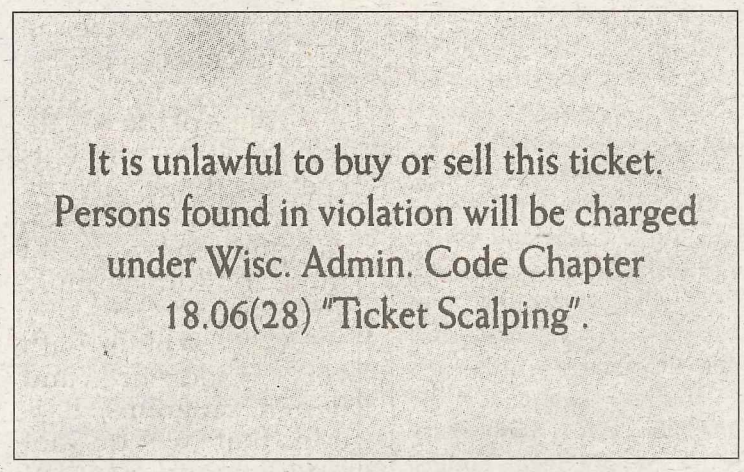
Approximately 30 e-mails were sent out offering tickets for sale, with prices ranging from $15 to $200. Many students replied reminding these students that selling tickets is illegal. Others replied to the e-mails asking to be removed from the list, adding to the flood of e-mail that congested in-boxes. Removal was impossible since there was no list; it was simply a continuously forwarded mass e-mail.

Some students chose to ignore the law, even after the pleas from other students to stop the selling of the tickets.

"First of all, I don't care what it tastes like, making money is making money," said Derik Gatzke, a senior in business. "If people are willing to pay, who am I to say no. My fellow students need tickets, I have tickets. Supply and demand, buy low sell high, life's about sales and marketing my fellow graduate, ask Thor. Peace."

Gatzke's comments enraged many students who followed suit condemning him for his words and calling for a higher ethical standard amongst the graduating class.

"I DON'T CARE WHO HAS TICKETS AND WHO DOESN'T!!!!!!! STOP SENDING THESE FRICKEN E-MAILS, YOUR[sic] CLOGGING UP MY [expletive] DAM[sic] BOX,,,, AND LOOK ON THE BACK OF YOU[sic] TICKETS ITS[sic] ILLEGAL TO SELL THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" said Kimberly Hickey, a senior, expressing the sentiment that most students felt when receiving these e-mails.



ticket scan by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Graduation tickets explicitly outline the conduct allowed for their use on the back of the ticket, yet sales continue.

On Thursday, April 15, the Dean of Students' office sent out an e-mail aimed at curbing these actions stating, "the penalty to any person found in violation of [Wisc. Admin. Code Chap 18.06(28)] may include: a forfeiture of up to $500, and/or non-academic disciplinary sanctions under UWS Ch. 17 – Student non-academic disciplinary procedures – which will result in termination of UW-Stout e-mail privileges and could affect a student's ability to graduate."

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Typography

Yes, mom, that does count as art.

Stout: an art school sans art



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

Our campus has a lot of beautiful things to look at in the months of May through August.

While school is in session the weather in Menomonie can be less than stellar. And regardless of the weather, many students spend a huge amount of time in buildings on campus. Why aren't these buildings more art infested?

As a school with very good art and design programs, it is odd that we do not have more student work displayed on or around campus.

Many students are producing work at a level that will get them a very good job. If their work is good enough to have a career, why not show it off around campus and let students enjoy something other than blank walls?

There are a number of art galleries on campus, but a range of problems keep art from being displayed.

Many of the galleries on campus are in the Applied Arts building. Students and faculty involved in the art program enjoy looking at the different types of art that are displayed. But why not put a gallery or two in other buildings for the students and faculty of other programs to enjoy?

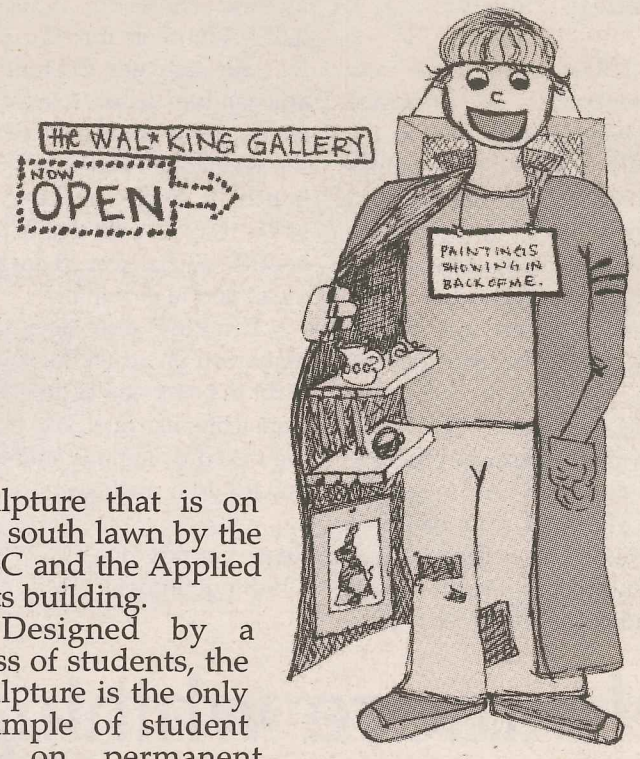
We do have the Birch Gallery in the Memorial Student Center (MSC) for students to see. Great idea. Bad follow through.

We, The Stoutonia, among many others, have our weekly meetings in this gallery. Not exactly a great use of the display space.

As a campus, we either don't have enough places to display art, or we have too many group meetings. Probably a bit of both.

Examples of art by students can be found around campus, but the largest example is the only one.

The old bell from the clock tower was incorporated into a sculpture that is on the south lawn by the MSC and the Applied Arts building.



Designed by a class of students, the sculpture is the only example of student art on permanent display.

Displaying more student art would provide a chance to show students that Graphic Communications Management is not Graphic Design.

Work done by the Student Life Promotions employees is another example of student artwork that is seen by the student body.

With the huge number of students in art and design classes, it would be great to see more art around campus. There certainly isn't a shortage of art.

The blue tombstones were outsourced, even though we have a senior level design course which focuses on projects just like that one.

Maybe art students should just hang their art on the walls since we don't have enough display space.

Oh wait, they are. Wal-Art. Check it out.

An open letter to our president



MUPPET LOGIC
Tim Krueger

As I sit here in the deadliest month of this war, I cry, Mr. Bush. I cannot understand why you think this war is justified.

These are the faces of our fallen, Mr. Bush. This is not about statistics, not about numbers. This is about having to face those that you have betrayed. Look at their faces.

Look hard. These pictures are just some of those from my home state of Wisconsin. There are more than 700 of these pictures. Pictures of real people, Mr. Bush. You might be able to ignore the numbers, but can you look into their faces?

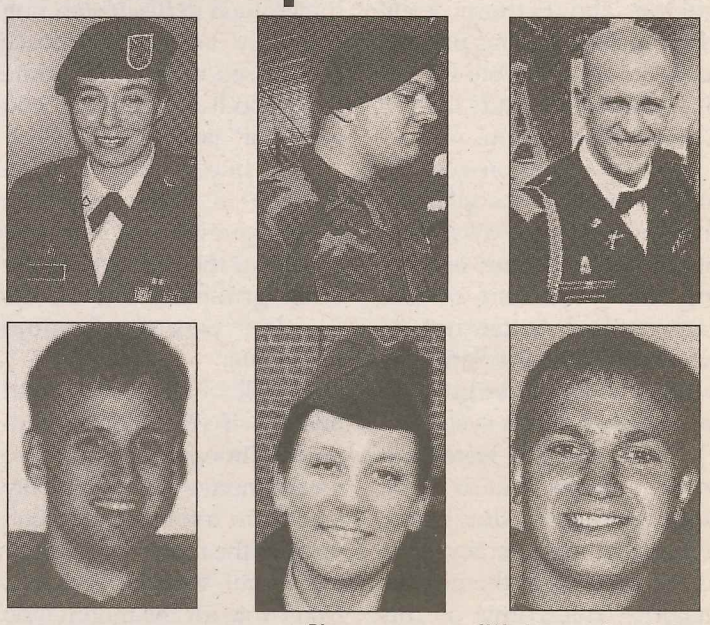
You make jokes with the other wealthy freaks you associate with stating "those Weapons of Mass Destruction must be laying around here somewhere."

That is so sick, I cannot even begin. If you cannot possess the tact to control your speech, I do not consider you fit to live in this society, let alone be the leader of it.

These are real humans, Mr. Bush. Look at their faces. This is not a game. There are no bonus points, no extra lives. These people put their trust in you and have died for what you said to be true. And you create jokes! I am shaking as I write this letter; it makes me completely sick to my stomach.

You might have noticed from my tone of writing, I am angry. I want a valid explanation for this brazen disregard for human life.

You have cut their pay. Many soldiers earn less than poverty level. You make jokes about the very reason you sent them there in the first place at fundraisers costing more per plate than soldiers make in a month.



Photos courtesy of Washington Post listing

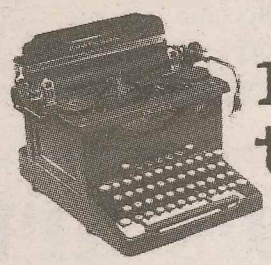
These are just a few of the faces of those lost in the conflict in Iraq. All of these soliders were citizens of Wisconsin.

I wish this madness could stop. However, you entered this war, and retreating would leave more harm than good. This is not a call to end the war. This is a call for you to take responsibility for your actions.

What are you going to do for these gracious people that have given so much in our name? If you continue this disrespect of their ultimate sacrifice, I seriously question your idea of "compassionate conservatism."

When will you start to give honor where it is due?

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Letters to the Editor

Underage drinkers

I fully support the new minor policy for underage drinkers (in reference to the article in last week's Stoutonia). It's time to deal with some of these people who are always disturbing the peace. Then when these drunken minors get caught, they're upset because they get into trouble. Let's see, now: Loud, drunken behavior = unwanted attention. What the hell do you expect?

Many of you drunken students also forget that Mommy and Daddy aren't around to clean up your messes. Therefore, innocent hall residents are forced to pay for your damages. Custodians and janitors deserve a lot of credit: Every day, they make the residence halls nice for a bunch of spoiled children to screw it up all over again. Just because you're over 18 doesn't mean you're grown up.

Drinking also does not make you an adult. So, if you want to be treated as an adult, start acting like one! Stop making the conscientious students pay for your mistakes!

Renee Currington
UW-Stout Student

No more whining



JUSTSENSE
Brian Legg

Since there is not much time left this semester, I've decided to take on more than one topic per article. This way, you guys get more whine for your time.

First I'd like to talk about the new unofficial ten percent society on campus. Kudos to everyone who's a part of it, you actually make the system work. Yes, I'm talking about those great civic leaders among us who took the time to vote for the SSA elections and United Council referendum.

So when tuition goes up and no congress people take the University of Wisonsin-Stout seriously, the remaining ninety percent of this campus had better not be whining about it. Seriously people, when are we going to take control of this system?

Wake up. You were born into a matrix, but it's not some computer simulation, it's called democracy, you know, the will of the people, majority rules, any of this ringing a bell? How are the people making decisions going to take your view into account when you won't tell them what it is?

That said, I'll move on.

The college democrats challenged the college republicans to a debate recently, which I was eager to be a part of. However, the college republicans declined citing "too much studying to do" as their excuse.

Funny, they always seem to find the time to stand behind their beliefs on a cardboard sign when a honking car horn is the only feedback. Hello, nobody disagrees with supporting the troops, get over it already.

If you don't know what I'm talking about, go up to Main St. on Friday. You'll see the Women in Black standing solemnly advocating peace juxtaposed with a red, white and woo-hoo "Honk if you love war" jamboree.

I'd like to note that the Women in Black were out there even when it was cold as hell in the winter, but the other group waited till the weather was much more favorable.

Look honkers and honkies, if you want to support the troops then don't vote for the moron who irrationally sent them into combat. Don't vote for the moron who has a vested interest in keeping them in that place to protect that precious petrol.

Peace.



Time can just wait for me



THEDROP
Lindsey Schuldt

I'm going on a strike against time.

This is the time of year that causes me to wake up in the middle of the summer with nightmares. The time when all the teachers decide they haven't given you enough homework, work decides you need more hours and life demands that you never sleep.

I have been ransacked with "do everything now or fail" syndrome for the past week, and whereas I used to look forward to just getting home to sleep, I am now looking forward to finding 10 seconds to just catch my breath.

The endless meetings were refreshing in September. They grew a little old come December, and by the time April rolled around, I knew I was fighting a losing battle.

I'll lay down to nap during the day, and I swear time knows how tired I am and starts playing tricks on me.

I'll think I have been there for two minutes, and I open my eyes to find nearly two hours elapsed. Did you ever wonder if there is a time god out there who switches your clocks on you when you blink and then sits above you and laughs as you run around your room like a chicken with its head cut off to make your next appointment?

Life should be more than a clock on your wall. You leave class, you wonder if you'll have time for lunch. You get done with class and wonder if you'll have time to change for work. You get to work and you wonder if you'll have time to do homework when you get home. You get home and wonder if you'll have time to sleep... ever.

I was once told that we create time. There is always enough time, it's just a matter of knowing how to use it. I even gave a really good presentation on it once. I hate to tell this to all of you that listened to me, but I lied.

There is no way that there are even close to enough hours in the day. Especially this time of year. The only time I feel like I have time is when it's raining outside, and who can really do anything when it's raining?

Okay, minus all those weirdos who run around in the rain like Disneyland is coming to the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Not that I wouldn't like to be one of those weirdos, but with my luck, by the time I get out there to run around, the sun would be out and once again, I wouldn't have the time.

I even feel guilty stopping to get myself a cup of coffee. This might be because I know inevitably I'll burn my tongue or spill it all over myself on my way to class. And then I'll sit in class thinking of how much my tongue hurts as opposed to what the teacher is talking about, or I'll go change and once again miss being on time.

Have you ever had those days when you wake up late, and you know you will be at least five minutes late to every class and appointment you have? I used to call it my "signature" point. Being late to everything. Now I've decided it's just the inevitability of my reality.

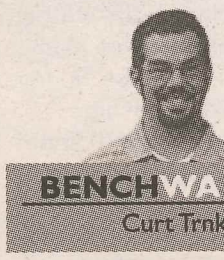
Despite the fact that being late is the one thing I can count on, I'm sick of spending every second of this semester trying to figure out when I'll have the time to do something I want to do. So I'm going on strike.

Time can kiss my white behind because it wouldn't be so white if I just had the time to tan it! I invite everyone else who's sick of time to join me. I'm going to live hourless days, sleep endless nights and remove all clocks from my life.

I'm living on Lindsey time from here on out. I'm going to enjoy the friends I haven't had time to see, drink my coffee sitting down, not on the run, and soak up the sun that I normally only think about while looking at it from inside a window.

You have to take time to make time. Join me in banning time, so the rest of the semester you can take as much time as you'd like.

Why guys act like guys



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Boys will be boys.

Ladies, at no point in your life will you be able to understand guys. Under no magical circumstances will you all of a sudden understand why the guy you like sometimes chooses to play video games, rather than hang out with you.

I'd like to try explain to you why guys do the things they do.

Video games.

Guys love video games. Shooting stuff is fun, but is that any excuse for a guy to play Madden or Halo instead of spending time with his girl? Yes and no.

Most guys grew up playing video games and tend to be a bit addicted to whatever game they are playing. Often, when a guy goes from being single to dating, it is a rough transition from single life to paired life.

In single life, a guy has to worry about which team won last night so he doesn't look like a fool when his friends talk sports the next day.

In single life, a guy worries more about how to beat that level on PlayStation 2 than how many children would be in his ideal family.

This doesn't mean he never thinks about a topic like that, it simply means he isn't ready to give up his childhood as quickly as his girl would like him to.

Sports.

For most guys, it goes like this: hate the Yankees and the Lakers. Sunday is for church and/or football.

Understanding that those two rules govern much of a guy's life will help girls when the guy says, "But the Vikings are on at noon."

When a guy says that to his girl, bad stuff happens.

Ladies, the guy isn't saying he doesn't want to do stuff with you, he's saying that he would like to watch TV at noon for about three hours. But any other part of the day is yours.

"But this is a really important game."

In a guy's head all games are important, but which games are truly big games?

Playoffs, rivalries and season openers are big games. Not much else qualifies.

Baseball's season is 162 games. Guys can miss about 90 percent of those, but football only has 16. Guys have to see 90 percent of those to be considered a fan.

Guys like movies where stuff explodes and 'chicks' wear tight clothes. Guys see those movies and still think their girlfriend is hot.

When a guy grows a beard, the reasoning is that he probably just got lazy and didn't want to shave for a while.

Boys will be boys.

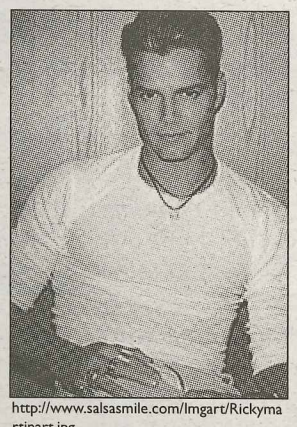
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STOUTONIA 1990s



SPACED OUT
Chelsea Rickert

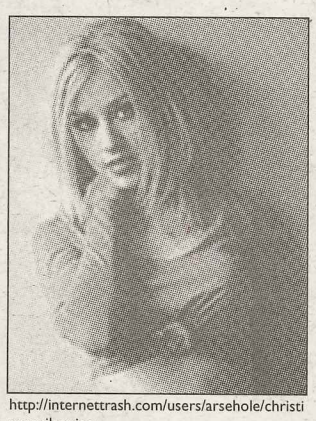
Imagine going to Sam's Club various times and spending $300 each visit, stocking up with staples for the inevitable end of the world. Satellites and airplanes alike (and quite possibly the sun!) would fall from the sky. The Pentagon and White House would be vulnerable to attack. Your animals would go bald and the sky would turn black. Those computer prophets, who forewarned the death of computers because they would not understand the number "2000", predicted this world's end. Countries held their breath as the clocks ticked down to the zero hour in which the world would cease existing, turning blue and fainting—to find that the Y2K bug was—nonexistent?



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The year 1999 and, of course, the millennium, went out with a proverbial bang, but not the tangible "bang" that the world was expecting…although I'm not so sure if we would be better or worse off today if it had happened.

We have reached the zenith of the lost decade and have come to a bittersweet ending. As the semester winds down, so do the installments of Stoutonia Loves the 90s. This final year of the millennium brought us not only the Y2K scare, but Ricky Martin's shaking bon-bon (oh-so-nicely squeezed into skin-tight leather pants), the Blair Witch Project and the tragedy of Columbine.



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Great movies were released this year, such as "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (groovy, baby!), "Varsity Blues," "American Pie"(one time, at band camp…), "The Mummy" and "Big Daddy" (I wipe my own ass!).

"Office Space" examined the idiocy of cubicles while "The Blair Witch Project" examined the gullibility of the general public. I can tell you that there are people today who still believe that "The Blair Witch Project" is a true documentary. Sad, poor naive people.

The ending to "The Sixth Sense" rocked the public's socks off and left them with the crazy one-liner: "I see dead people." This bit has been run into the ground quite a bit, especially with those stupid T-shirts with the slogan "I See Dead People."



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Popular music was very abundant in this year. Four words: "Livin' La Vida Loca!" Doesn't that song just make you want to get up and shake your bon-bon? I believe that it is the icon song of the year. Too bad Ricky isn't around anymore, who knows what other mind-numbingly energetic songs he could have produced for us.

Backstreet Boys released its album, appropriately titled "Millennium," along with its usual generic-sounding song, "I Want it That Way." Oh, and speaking of generic, Christina Aguilera's first hit "Genie in a Bottle" was released this year, too. Yes, Christina was once innocent like Britney was.

Blessed Union of Souls released a halfway-decent song, "Hey Leonardo," and Will Smith paid homage to one of the main destination for spring breakers: "Miami."

My favorite song of the year was "Smooth" by Santana, featuring the hottie from Matchbox 20, Rob Thomas.

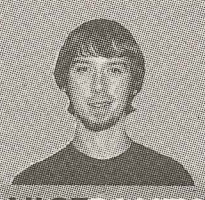
Sadly, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold launched a fatal onslaught of bullets on students and faculty at their school in Littleton, Colo. on April 20, 1999. These two angry boys left 13 dead, including themselves. It has been called the worst incident of school violence in the history of the United States. I recall the day it happened: I was in eighth grade, and we held an assembly in the gym. We had a few moments of silence for the fallen, and some speaker on school violence came in. Five years later, people still hold remembrances for the fallen and pain-stricken. Although perhaps faded, it is still evident.



Facts about the 90s this decade

U.S. population:	281,421,906 (2000 Census)
Unemployment:	5.8 million, or 4.2% (Sept 99)
National debt:	$5,413.1 Million (1997)
Average salary:	$13.37/hr (1999)
Teacher's salary:	$39,347 (1998)
Minimum wage:	$5.15/hr (1997)
Life expectancy:	Male 73.1 Female 79.1(1997)
Auto deaths:	49,772 (1997)

That storm sucked



NICE PANTS
Matt Schubbe

I love storms. I think that a big storm coming is one of the coolest times to be outside. We've all seen it. The sky gets all green and sweet and you think to yourself: "Whoa, the sky is getting all green and sweet." At least that's what I think, anyway.

The reason I brought the whole storm thing up in the first place was that this past Sunday, there was a storm of such caliber right here in Menomonie. The kind where you just can't help but go outside and look at all the rockin' lightning. It was one of those storms where people say things like, "My knee sure is actin' up, must be a storm a brewin.'"

So, I decided to take my own advice and go check out the storm. And, as previously stated, the lightning was rockin'.

There were bolts shooting horizontally and diagonally, and every other direction, which I guess would just mean up and down.

I was actually outside with a friend of mine named AJ, who was a lot better prepared for storm watching than I was.

He was all slickered up, like an astronaut or a duck or something. At any rate he was waterproof. I just threw on a sweatshirt and headed out the door.

Now I hope, faithful reader, that you think that the whole point of my article is that storms are cool. That's part of it, but the other part of this story is about the love of my life: television.

As many of you more science-minded readers may know, when there's a storm going down, sometimes the power goes out.

Now, normally this wouldn't be a huge problem, but on this particular Sunday, the episode of "24" that should have aired the previous Tuesday but didn't due to the president's address, was on.

My roommate, and several other members of my floor are avid, if not obsessive, "24" fans. My roommate would punch his mom in the face probably more than once just to see scenes from the next season of "24."

Having set the scenario up, you can see why when the power went out at the height of 24-style-drama, there was a mass freak out on my floor.

Luckily, the power came back on within a matter of seconds, and luckily, a riot didn't break out. But for, like, two seconds, I feared for my own safety.

A TV related freak out can be a very dangerous thing, and that's the point of this article. Storms are cool, some would even say that they're "wicked awesome," but they can also be dangerous.

So to all you students out there, be careful during a power outage because TV does crazy things to people.

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Accumulator to replace "trough"

Lindsey Schuldt

The dishwasher in the Commons, the south campus cafeteria, better known as "the trough" or "the river," has been the butt of many jokes over its fifteen-year life span at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Despite all of the giggles it endures, no more UW-Stout generations will ever know the wonder of the trough. It is being removed from the cafeteria on the last day of finals and replaced with a newer system.

"I think a lot of kids got a kick out of the trough," said Scott Griesbach, director of housing and residence life.

The trough is being replaced because the equitment is getting old and causing a lot of down time; the maintenance staff constantly works to keep it up and running. There are approximately 2,000 students who use the trough every day during the academic year.

"I love that thing," said Ricky Dimon, a sophomore from Hamline University majoring in communications. "I always look forward to it when I come to visit. It's my second favorite thing about visiting aside from my girlfriend."

The new dishwashing machine is called the tray accumulator. It is made of several stainless steel boxes that hold approximately 120 trays. The boxes also contain built in silverware chutes.

"I'm going to miss the river," said Emily Zahn, a sophomore majoring in interior design. "It is something so unique to our campus, no one else has anything like it."

The boxes will be placed on a new wall that is to be put up in front of the dish loading area. Students remove their own paper, waste and silverware from the tray and put it into the garbage can instead of into the flowing water as they do now.

The tray then goes into the tray slide and employees will take the boxes when they are full and scrape them off and clean them as is now when the plates float around the trough.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

The current method of discarding dirty dishes at the Commons will be removed at the end of the semester. It will be replaced by a new system of boxes in which trays will be placed.

The goal of the new tray accumulation is to be rid of all the mess the trough now creates and provide better student satisfaction with their dish discarding. This will also save the campus money that is currently spent on constantly repairing the older machinery.

"I think it's efficient," said Justin Lattu, a sophomore majoring in graphic communication management. "I think it's a bad idea to get rid of it because I can put all of my stuff away so easily."

There were, at one point in time, thoughts of putting a conveyor belt into the dish-washing area to carry trays back and be placed in the tray slides by employees; however, there is not enough room or space in the cafeteria for this to even be considered as an option.

Students working for the bare minimum

Janelle Klander

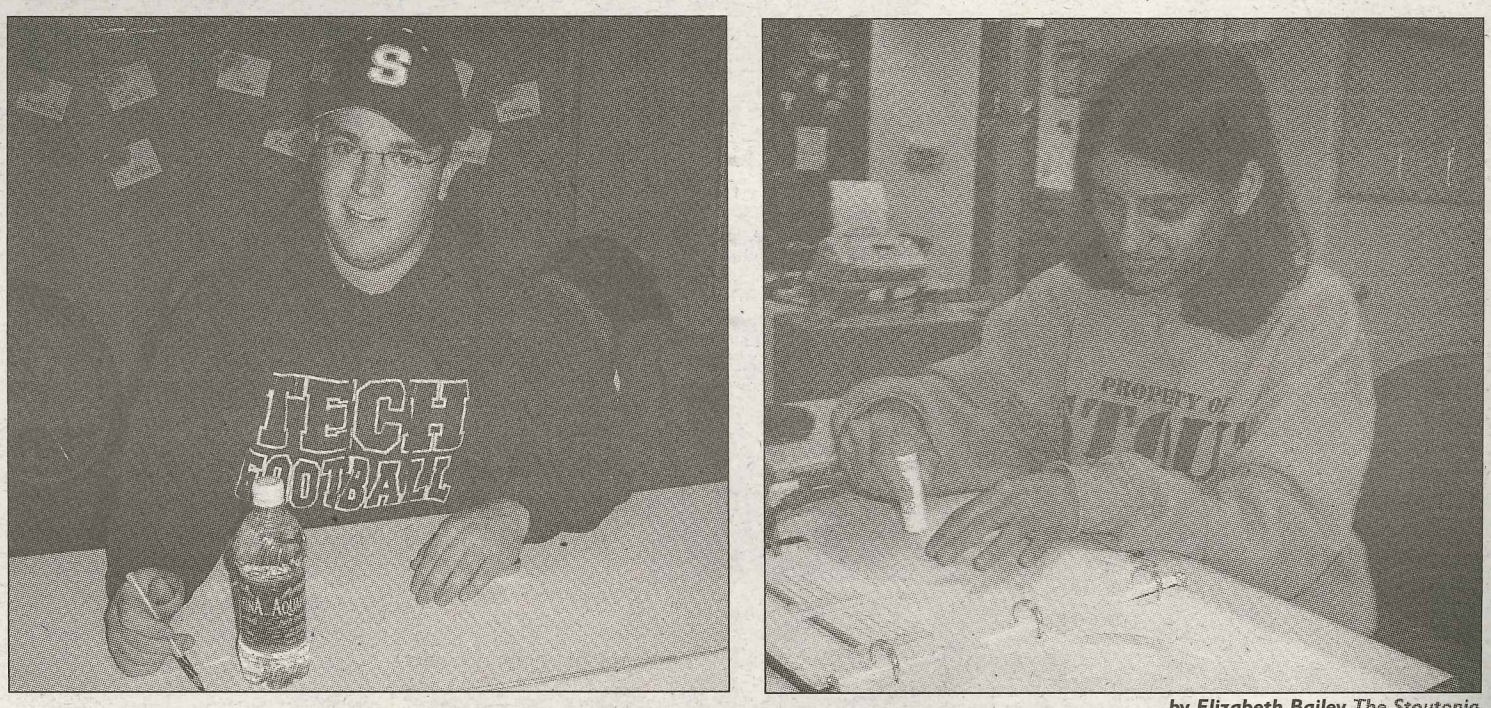
Students have bills to pay, and unless they are blessed with generous, wealthy parents, most students have jobs. Working and going to school can be stressful, especially when the pay is low.

Many students, especially those living in the dorms, have an on campus job. There are various jobs that only start at minimum wage.

There are currently 12 different departments that pay their employees $5.15/hour. The largest of that group is housing and residence life. They pay 43 students the small wage for jobs such as working the residence hall front desks and the Commons mailroom.

Nathan Thomas, a sophomore in engineering technology, is a Resident Advisor (RA) that works a few extra hours at the front desk. An RA is required by housing and residence life to work five hours a week at their hall of employment.

"It's not too bad; I get paid to do my homework," said Thomas.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Mike Lecus, a worker at the front desk of North Hall, and Kim Schultz, who works at the intramural office, are two of the many students who get paid low wages forthe work they do. Students choose these jobs mainly because of the convenience of their locations.

Thomas works for students that need substitutes for their shifts. He believes the job is adequate for the salary paid.

"There are some jobs that could be paid more, but there is a reason you are getting government money for doing these jobs," Thomas said.

Kimberly Lott, a freshman in vocational rehabilitation, is a busy student that has three minimum wage jobs on campus. She works about 15-20 hours a week, or more when she works weekends.

"It's convenient for one, and two it's all I can handle right now, having 19 credits," said Lott. "Working off campus means longer hours and gas money."

Lott works in the recreational center, fitness center and the intramural department.

"I meet so many people, and since I'm not from here, it gives me an outlet to do so, seeing as though I am not a big partier," Lott said.

Kelli Mattson, a freshman in family and consumer science education, also works in the intramural department keeping score for games. She believes some jobs should be paid more, but doesn't complain.

"It's easy and fun, and I meet lots of people," said Mattson. "It pretty much covers the Wal-mart runs or any other little stuff I need."

Maybe making minimum wage can't pay all the bills when you're a full time student, but it gives students a chance to meet people and maybe even catch up on homework.

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Stout Watch



Dana Johnson - 21
multimedia design
senior

Hometown: Hinkley, Minn.
Relationship Status: Happily Taken.

Who is your favorite superhero?
She-ra, the Princess of Power.

If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?
A cat, because then I could lay around and sleep in the sun all day.

What is your favorite thing about your dorm room?
The nifty shelves.

What confuses you about the opposite sex?
The fact that they insist that they are simple to understand, yet I remain baffled.

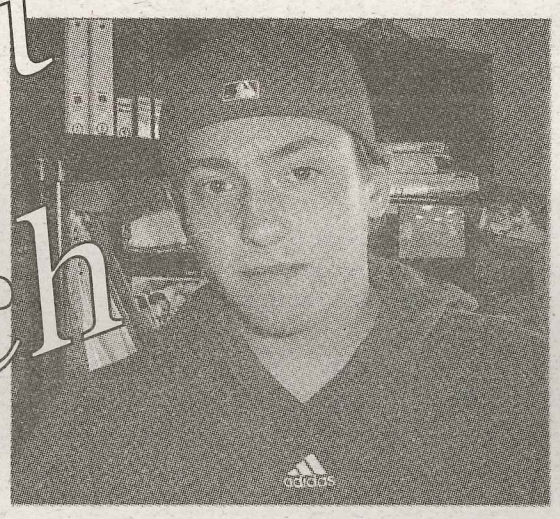
Who will you vote for in the coming election?
Not Bush.

What is a little known fact about you?
I can cluck like a chicken.

What is the most unusual thing you have eaten?
Well, I went to Bruce's, which sells Rocky Mountain Oysters. I did not partake in the feast.

Which nursery rhyme character do you most resemble and why?
Little Miss Muffet because I run away from spiders.

If you could go anywhere for three days, where would it be? Tahiti.



Matthew Hartman - 18
food system technology
freshman

Hometown: Lindstrom, Minn.
Relationship Status: 232-3931

Who is your favorite superhero?
Michelangelo, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle.

If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?
A blue whale because then women could not judge me for my weight.

What is your favorite thing about your dorm room?
My roommate is never here.

What confuses you about the opposite sex?
Nothing.

Favorite Snack: Snack-Pac.

Who will you vote for in the coming election?
Ross Perot.

What is a little known fact about you?
I only wear boxers.

What is the most unusual thing you have eaten?
I ate a colored pencil for a dollar.

Which nursery rhyme character do you most resemble and why?
Jack B. Nimble because I like to jump over candle sticks.

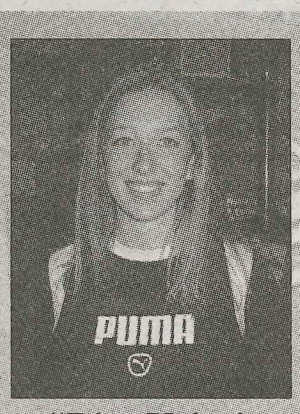
If you could go anywhere for three days, where would it be?
Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

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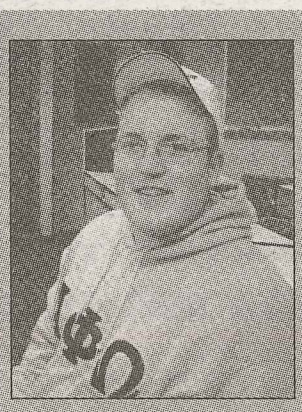
Slant

If you had to eat one kind of food for the rest of your life, what would it be?



"Rice Krispie Treats."

Amanda Rau
dietetics
freshman

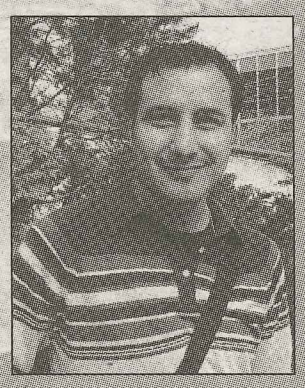


"Chocolate chip cookies."

Chris Goodman
hotel, restaurant and tourism management
senior

"BLT sandwiches."

Luis Bautista
service management
senior





"Maple Horseshoe donuts from the Cadott Bakery."

Christina Steinmetz
general business
administraion
junior

Next Week:

What should be the punishment for cell phones ringing in class?

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"Living without my best friend, iBook"



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

Things can change so fast. One second you're driving, the next you're in an accident; one minute you're cooking, the next your oven mitt is on fire; one year you're single, the next you're in a relationship.

For me, one day my computer was working fine, and the next my hard drive decided to wave goodbye. Seriously, less than 24 hours.

When I heard my computer start clicking, I knew it was not a good sign. I tried to back-up the files I had been meaning to save, but it was hopeless. At this time I am still not sure if I will ever see the finished projects and poetry I had created since my last back-up ever again.

I have found new meaning in the words they told us at laptop initiation: back-up your files FREQUENTLY!

When I received my loaner laptop, I frowned upon it. All of my settings would be different.

As I went on using the loaner, more and more things were frustrating me. I couldn't use my printer without digging through my drawers to find the install disc. I had to figure out how to keep it from going to sleep every time I stopped using it for 15 minutes.

It made me realize how much that laptop meant to me. It had become my friend and my partner in crime. It had been with me for a year and a half with only minor disappointments, which is more than I can say about some people in my life.

It's not that I rely on my computer, but I do rely on it to work. We are like a pair, and you don't see me just forgetting how to use a mouse.

I did discover one thing in my loaner however. When trying to make my computer stop taking naps, I found a way to invert the entire display. Everything that was white is black and everything that is black is white, and all the colors are now their complements.

So until I get my old friend back, barebones or just how I left it, I will stare at my computer screen and laugh about the symbolism. My screen is dark and so are my feelings towards this stranger I am stuck with.

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Student painter to be published

Marta Peters

She wants to be famous, but doesn't want people to know who she is. An interesting life goal, but what many people are beginning to realize is that this will be a difficult feat for University of Wisconsin-Stout senior Amanda Dobbratz.

Dobbratz, who is a studio art major with a concentration in painting, is already gaining national recognition for her painting talents. This August, people everywhere will be able catch a glimpse of some of her creations ,which will be included in the Midwest edition of "New American Paintings."

The publication, which is printed by Open Studios Press, has one primary goal, to bring artists and art enthusiasts together through articles and photographs of paintings created by people throughout the entire United States.

Just how difficult is it to accomplish the recognition that Dobbratz has recently received?

According to the "New American Paintings" Web site, it is extremely difficult.

In order to be included in an edition of "New American Paintings," painters enter a regional contest, and if their abilities far exceed their competitors' works of art, they move onto another rigorous critiquing process, which includes some of the toughest jurors in the nation. Each region's winners are then featured in one of six annual publications.

"This particular publication is highly competitive," explained Charles M. Lume, assistant professor in paint-

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Photos Courtesy of Amanda Dobbratz

The above work, "Mourning Wood," was painted by Amanda Dobbratz, a studio art senior. She is being recognized for her talents in "New American Paintings," a national art publication. This is an accomplishment usually only obtained by artists who have established themselves in their careers.

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Dobbratz / In print

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ing and drawing at UW-Stout. "Most artists who make it in hold an M.F.A. or have been a working artist for many years or both."

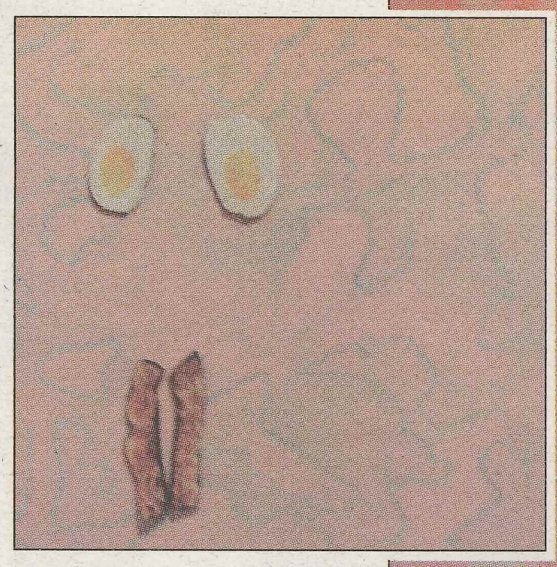
Yet even with such a prestigious honor for a young adult, Dobbratz still possesses a sense of humbleness combined with a desire to make herself a better artist with each work she creates.

"I'm really tremendously excited to be published, but I feel sort of bashful about it," Dobbratz admits. "It's a strange dichotomy. I want to be famous, but I don't want anyone to know who I am."

Dobbratz's professors at UW-Stout definitely know who she is. Her growth as a student and an artist has no doubt turned the heads of many of the faculty on campus.

"She has developed a strong visual language at her time at Stout and has become more self-assured," said Lars Jerlach, a sculpture instructor.

It was her initial explorations in both ceramics and painting in high school that helped pave the way for the aspirations she holds today. What may be even more interesting to note is that despite her extraordinary talent in painting, she originally wanted to express herself through ceramics.





Photos Courtesy of *Amanda Dobbratz*

Dobbratz created the above works, "Body Map" and "6 Shooter." In many of her paintings she uses puns and humor to manipulate the subject matter. Making common objects into abstract forms of genitalia is one way she accomplishes her sarcasm. She believes this creates a more receptive audience.

"I thought for a long time I wanted to be a potter until I discovered I was really no good at it," said Dobbratz. "Now I just mix clay."

Being a senior, her art is evolving more and more. Although she may be modest, her work is far from shy. In her artist's statement, Dobbratz explains that altering interpretations is a common theme within her paintings.

"I exploit the traditional meanings of commonplace objects and pervert them to my cause," said Dobbratz. "I am interested in words, phrases and objects with elements of humor that are used colloquially to describe genitalia or relate to their appearance or function.

"I find humor a compelling, and often undervalued, means of communicating in art. By using a lighthearted approach, I believe my audience is more receptive and open to the gravity of my subject matter."

Her work is clearly creating a captivating state of mind for her viewers and holding their attention.

With Dobbratz's internal motivation and talent, coupled with artistic mentors that she has met at UW-Stout and will continue to meet along the way, it is quite possible that this artist may just have to figure out how to handle her minor dilemma of being famous. She will no doubt be both by the looks of her success already.

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The 411

April 22 to April 29

Thursday, April 22
>**"A Night on the Red Carpet,"** 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Corner III, Home Economics.
>**Baseball vs. Viterbo**, 12 p.m., at home.
>**Softball vs. UW-La Crosse,** 4 p.m., at home.
>**Guys and Dolls,** Chippewa Theater Guild, 7:30 p.m., State Theater, Eau Claire, $8.

Friday, April 23
>**Ashes to Ashes closing reception,** 7 - 10 p.m., Applied Arts Student Gallery.

Saturday, April 24
>**Baseball vs. UW-Platteville**, 12 p.m., at home.
>**Galloway Creek Clean Up,** 1- 4 p.m., Meet at the Applied Arts Rock Garden.

Sunday, April 25
>**Baseball vs. UW-Platteville**, 12 p.m., at home.

Monday, April 26
>**Take Back the Night,** 6:30 p.m., Crystal Ballrooms B & C.
>**Portfolio Workshop**, 6 p.m., Harvey Hall room 425.
>**SmART Exhibition opener**, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Birch Gallery.

Tuesday, April 27
>**Film:The Last Waltz,** 7p.m., Huff's.
>**Bud and Betty Micheels Student-Artist-in-Residence Exhibition,** 5:30 p.m., Library Learning Center

Wednesday, April 28
no events scheduled

Thursday, April 29
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Empowering women to rock



THE DROP
Lindsey Schuldt

Women rock.

If you have seen the multitude of neon pink posters with the letters Xx on them, this was the message they were trying to display.

All of the posters and hype came together on Monday night at the third annual Xx Factor Women's Empowerment Festival.

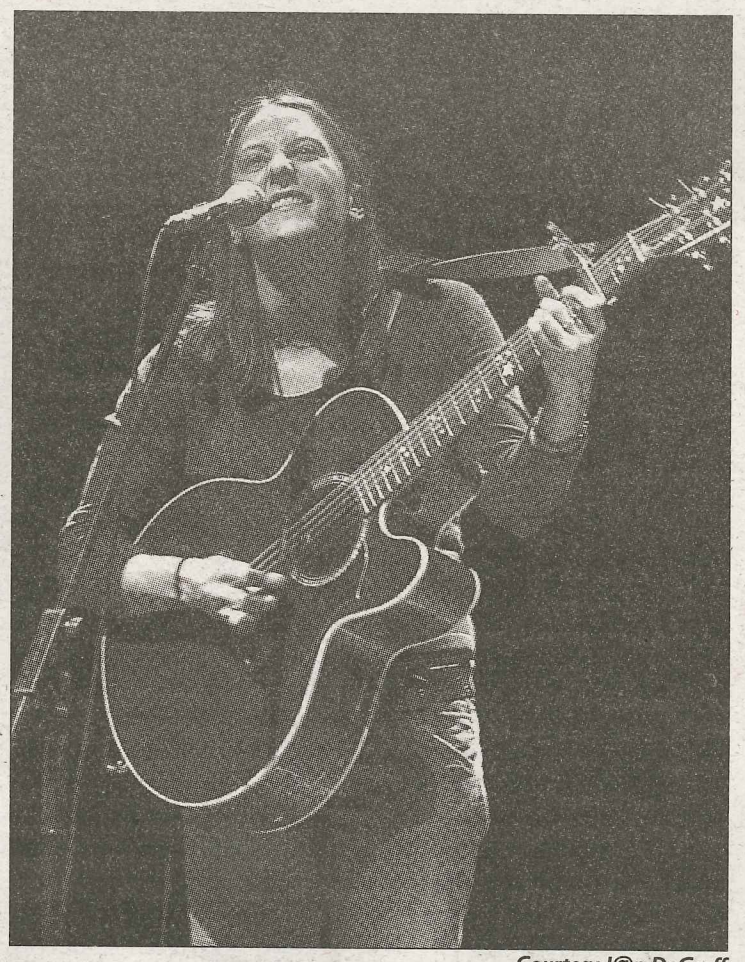
"[The festival] is a combination of wonderful musical talent and energy for women and men alike," said co-chair Trista Glover, a senior majoring in psychology. "It really helps students to get a sense of community and themselves."

As friends danced to the music of Desdamona, Brenda Weiler and Eufio, community was the key word floating around the room. Each artist had a bit of a different sound with heartfelt messages for women of all generations.

"Wow," said Kaitlyn Fildebrandt, a freshman majoring in food systems and technology. "[Weiler] had a song about how your thighs aren't supposed to be as big as your arms. It just makes you feel better and you realize that everyone goes through these things."

The first performer, Desdamona, is a beat poet that has played at all three festivals. This year she brought a band with her that added a little bit of funk and a new twist to the concert.

Second on the list was acoustic soloist Brenda Weiler, who sang feminine songs with heartfelt messages for women of all ages. Rounding off the talent was Indi Rock band Eufio.



Courtesy I@n DeGraff
Brenda Weiler took a brief break during one of her songs to smile, reflecting the highly energetic mood of the evening.

"We love to perform at girl concerts," said Kim Kopischke, a member of Eufio. "There's a real sense of community and encouraging other girls to play music and be involved."

The festival was created not only for women's empowerment, but also to help men understand things from a woman's perspective.

"Certain guys are scared [of a woman's perspective]," said co-chair Joe Hecht, a graduate student majoring in mental health counseling. "Some guys come because they think attractive women will be here, but a lot come to be a part of everything and enjoy the music, while getting a sense of the community women have."

The Xx Factor committee put a lot of time into talking to different organizations and groups that would be willing to help support their cause.

While in the past they have written grants to get money for the festival, this year they are sponsored by a variety of organizations, including the Chancellor's Office, the Women's Studies department, Multi Cultural Student Services and SSA.

"Women's music gives people a fresh perspective and showcases issues that are important to women," said Jenny Hanson, a member of Eufio. "Men like to listen to women's music because it is so unique, and it really gives men a chance to see the female perspective."

At the festival, refreshments and snacks were provided for the diverse crowd that wandered in and out throughout the evening. Fans were also able to pick up a CD by any of the performing artists.

"Stout is not big on women's issues," said Hecht. "My undergraduate background was in a school that was huge on women's issues. I got involved to bring a little bit of my undergraduate background to Stout."

"The festival helps people to understand that it's not a big, scary thing to talk about women," said Hecht.

Eufio and Desdamona are both located in the Midwest, but Weiler traveled all the way from Seattle to be a part of the festival.

"I think the biggest thing people take away from the festival is a real sense of community and themselves," said Glover.

Each year the festival has grown, and the co-chair's know that next year will be even better.

"We're growing and will continue to grow with the word of mouth," said Hecht. "It's a lot of work, but to sit back, relax and see everyone talking and having a great time really make the effort worth it."

Another pizza place opens up



FEED MY BELLY
Paige Klein

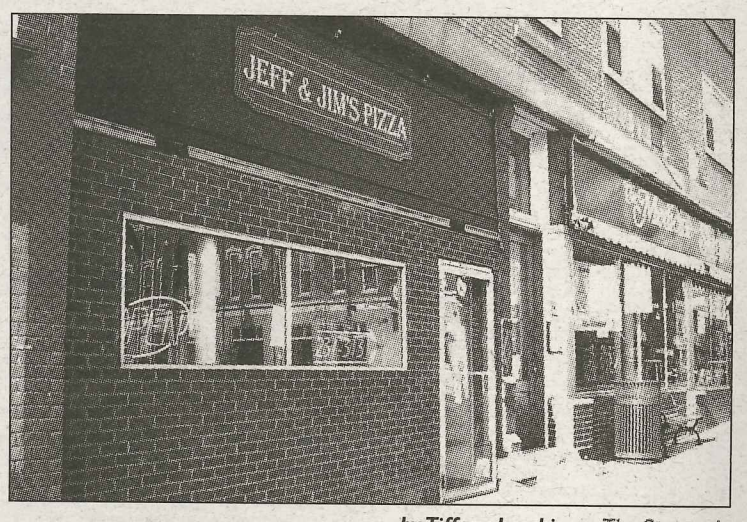
Menomonie has been going through changes over the last year in the restaurant world.

The newest face to the food landscape is Jeff and Jim's Pizza, located on Main Street, across from the Administration Building. Now there are at least five pizza places within the Menomonie area.

However, there is a new twist to the pizza world. To carve their niche, Jeff and Jim's has expanded the pizza standards to include new or different menu items. Calzones, manjare rolls, stromboli and smotharella sticks are new additions to the typical pizza place.

Manjare rolls are rolled dough with a different combination of meats or cheeses inside. They are accompanied by dipping sauces.

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by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia
Jeff and Jim's is located where Bagels.com and Menomonie Bistro were previously. They serve a variety of pizzas.

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Other items that are not necessarily indigenous to the pizza scene are hot sub sandwiches, buffalo wings and basic salads.

"I really enjoy the pizza slices late at night," said Sarah Hutton, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "I don't quite understand why it's $2.50, though. I usually don't have an extra 50 cents."

Service at Jeff and Jim's is different than you might expect. When you walk in, you may find the employees sitting down enjoying each other's company. Yet, the moment you ask for something, they are up and ready to help and serve you. Delivery is available, but a 75 cent charge is applied for any delivery under $7.

The hours are also conducive to a college student's life. Jeff and Jim's does not close any earlier than midnight during the week, and the latest they stay open is 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The atmosphere is definitely dependent on the time of day you visit. During the day, you do not find many people sitting in the dining room. It is dark and uninviting, especially with the great weather we have been experiencing.

Now, when you are biting into that calzone or slice of pizza, take note of the dough. The hand-tossed dough is thick with a hint of italian seasoning. The thin-crust has a flakey, crusty bite to it.

The variety of toppings include havarti cheese, bison meat and mandarin oranges. Dipping sauces and extras can also tantalize your taste buds. Gyro sauce, creamy feta sauce and jalapeno cheese are just some examples.

Since the establishment has been under new management, there is evidence that keeping the place clean is a priority.

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Tarantino rips up the competition



HAWKEYE
Kyle Kingston

"Kill Bill: Volume 2" is remarkably different in tone and execution from Volume 1, which wouldn't be so surprising if they hadn't originally been intended to be the same film.

One obvious difference is the reduced amount of violence. Don't misinterpret this; there is still plenty of martial arts and killing to satisfy even the most bloodthirsty of patrons. But after the first film's Crazy 88 scene and climactic sword fight, some might be expecting the crescendo of carnage to continue building.

With that type of expectation, "Kill Bill: Volume 2" might come across as subdued, even with a wonderfully claustrophobic buried-alive scene and a sequence in which an eyeball is plucked from Darryl Hannah's skull and squashed on the carpet between Uma Thurman's toes.

If you're not familiar with the tale of the Bride (Uma Thurman), here's a brief summary. Thurman is a professional killer who tries to quit the employ of her boss/mentor/love/father-figure Bill (David Carradine) by marrying into what looks to be a comfortable, if dull, domestic life.



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Tarantino also covers events that take place before Volume I. In this scene, Thurman trains with a highly-skilled samurai warrior.

Carradine and some of Thurman's former cohorts crash her wedding rehearsal and, with Uzis blazing, create a massacre. Carradine himself puts a bullet in Thurman's head and leaves her for dead.

She was not dead, though, and when she wakes up from a coma four years later, she is quite pissed. What follows is her hunt for the people who ruined her life, putting her against Vivica A. Fox, Lucy Lui, Darryl Hannah, Michael Madsen and finally, Carradine himself.

Curiously enough, at some point in "Kill Bill: Volume 2," it becomes clear that the focus of the story is shifting from the Bride's "rampage of revenge" to a love story of sorts, whose roots—revealed bit by bit—are more complex than they seem at first.

More attention is paid to characterization and to story than in Volume 1, with particular emphasis given to the relationship between Thurman and Carradine, which is by turns both tender and violent.

Roger Ebert, while conceding the genius of the first volume of "Kill Bill," criticized it for being more concerned with story-telling possibilities than with an actual story, and this was in some respects a valid complaint that the second installment makes up for.

The story is disjointed but to good dramatic effect. The dialogue is vintage Tarantino and the visuals—even at their most violent—are always fresh and occasionally beautiful.

Director Quentin Tarantino's greatest gift is his ability to cast his movies and direct his actors. Where others might see washed-up B-movie actors, Tarantino sees forgotten icons waiting for the right role to stage a dramatic comeback under his direction. Try to name any significant John Travolta movie before "Pulp Fiction" to see what I mean.

The breakthrough performance here is by Carradine, whose charisma and presence would surely carry this film if it weren't already perfect. Even though some might expect the climactic showdown between Thurman and Carradine to include more swordplay than it does, the film's conclusion is emotionally satisfying, which is really all that matters.

This movie is worth seeing, if only to appreciate the craft and skill of a director who has become the last remaining maverick in the business.

This movie gets five out of five.



Hybrids of 2005 revealed to car lovers



MUSICMASTER
Eric Iverson

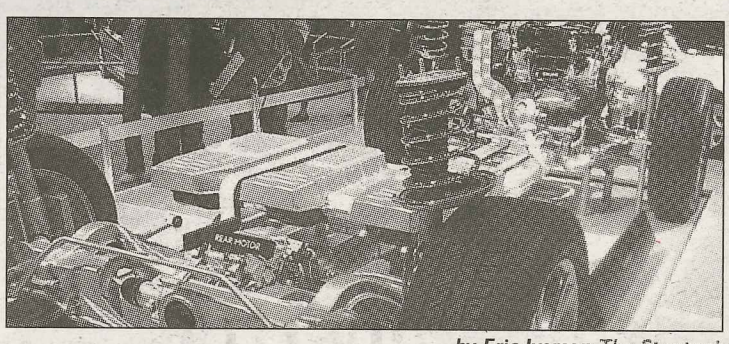
I had a chance of a lifetime, for me of course, to go to the New York International Auto Show last weekend. I am a car fanatic, so I will explain what's hot and what's not in layman's terms for 2005. I'll also highlight a few good buys for the frugal college student.

With over 40 auto manufacturers there, it was hard to see everything in one day. Everyone attended from Mitsubishi to Maserati, showing off what was new for 2005.

The first big trend I noticed at almost one third of the auto manufacture's was plans for some sort of hybrid vehicle.

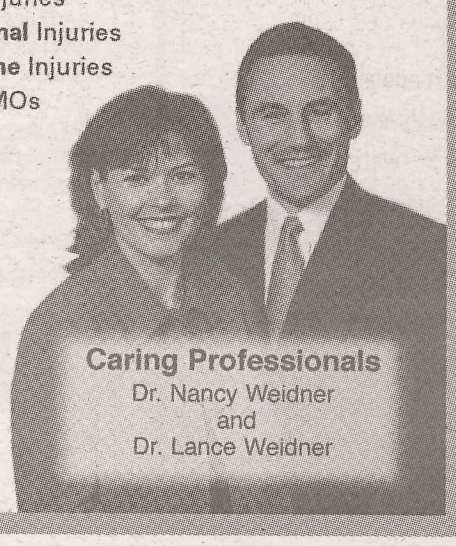
With gas prices going up and fossil fuels running out, auto manufacturers have finally noticed there needs to

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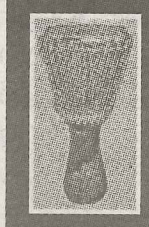
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be a change in the way cars are powered. More and more companies are designing alternatively fueled, or hybrid cars, SUVs and trucks. A hybrid car is any vehicle that combines two or more sources of power.

The most promising hybrid car is the new Toyota Prius. You may have seen one or two on the streets, but I can assure you will be seeing more and more. The Prius gets 61 mpg in the city and 51 mpg on the highway. To get a good idea of this, you could drive from Menomonie to Cleveland on one tank of gas.

The Prius does this amazing feat by combining gas and electric power to provide over 100-horsepower and over 300 lb-ft of torque. For those of you who don't know, that's more torque than a Mustang Coupe.

For those of you thinking that this futuristic technology is expensive, you're quite wrong. The base price for the Prius is just under $20,000 and the fully loaded version with navigation is just $26,000. Not only is it cheap and environment friendly, but the Prius has a three-year/36,000 mile basic warranty as well as an eight-year/100,000 mile warranty on hybrid components.

I am just boggled at this car's cost and performance. I'm not the only one though, Motor Trend gave it their prestigious Car of the Year award.

Not only were there hybrid cars, but there were also hybrid SUVs such as the Ford Escape, which uses the same kind of gas and electric set-up the Prius uses. The new Escape boasts the record for best mileage, 35 mpg, of an SUV to date.

Other hybrids at the show were the GMC Sierra truck, Lexus RX 300h SUV, hydrogen powered Mazda RX-8, Saturn Vue SUV, Mitsubishi Eclipse and Honda Civic, to name a few.

If the hybrids don't interest you and you don't mind shelling out almost $2/gallon, there were plenty of other cool cars with high horsepower worth mentioning.

Dodge had a Viper-powered SRT-10 truck on display. Chrysler had a 850 horsepower prototype named the ME-412. Ford was showcasing its new Mustang GT and GT40 throwback, while Porsche and Ferrari were out in full force representing their $250,000 cars.

Now if you don't like hybrid cars and can't afford these high-powered beasts, then I will tell you about some good budget buys.

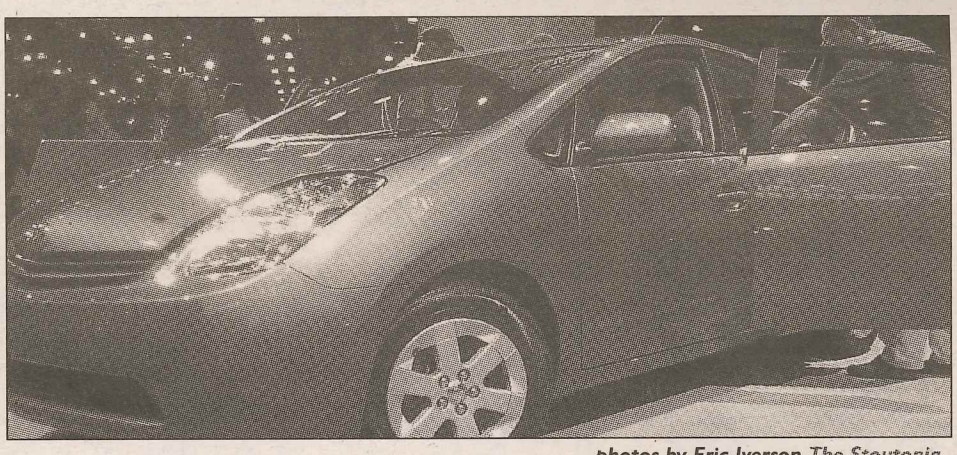
You may have seen ads on TV in the past few months about the new brand called Scion. This is a Toyota-built brand marketed and designed for our demographic, generation Y. There are three models, the xA, xB and tC, all small cars which are completely customizable at the dealership.

The manufacturer with the most new cars that a college student can afford is GM.

Chevrolet unveiled the new Aveo, Cobalt and the Malibu Maxx. GM also unveiled its Kappa platform, which will underpin the Saturn Curve, Chevy Nomad, Pontiac Solstice and possibly the Saturn VX. All of these cars will be in the mid to low $20,000 range.

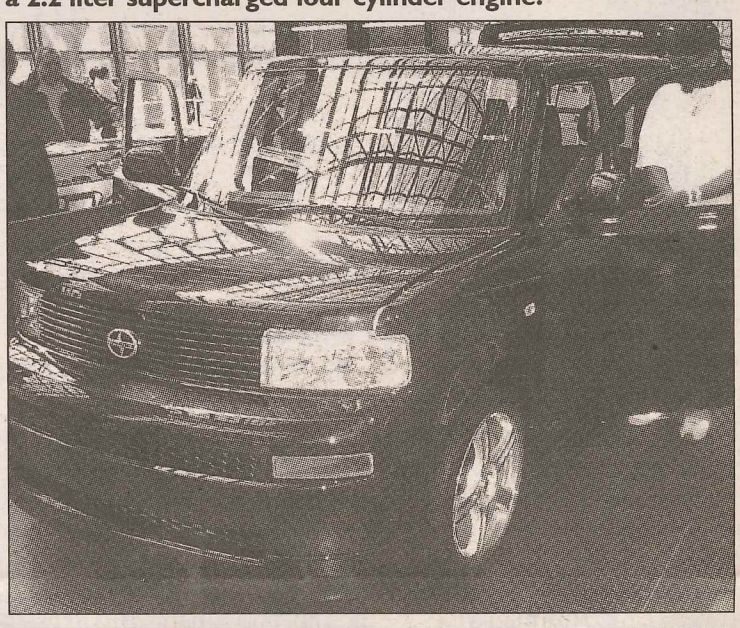
I bet you're asking what I, Eric Iverson, wizard of car knowledge, liked best at the show. My favorite car is the new GM-owned, Subaru-built, Saab-redesigned 92-X. This car has it all with the Subaru performance and quality of its GM warranty and turbocharged four-cylinder AWD system, sleek Saab styling.

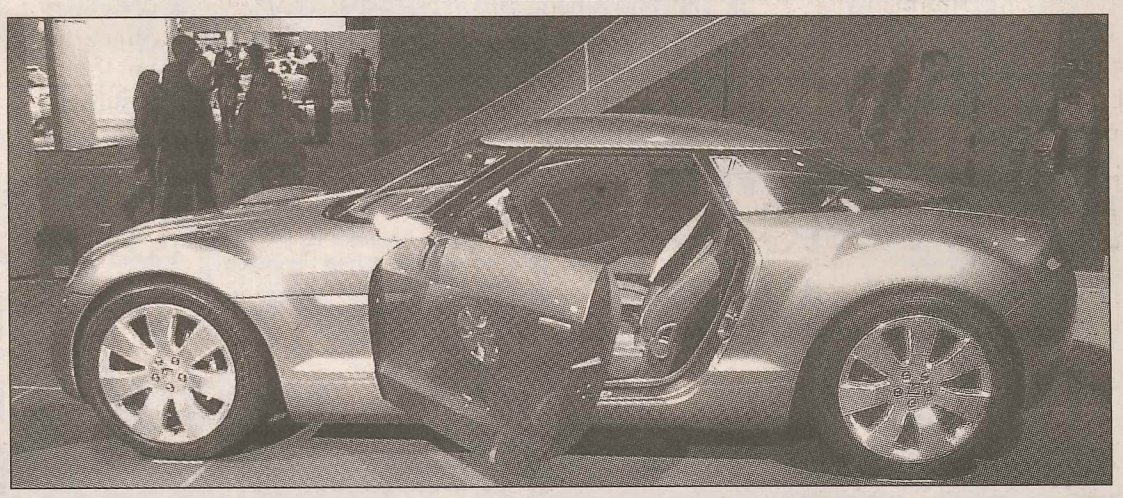
If you're wondering why I like this product of a conglomerate of manufacturers, it is because I have no choice. It is now impossible to buy a true American car, or even a true Japanese car for that matter. With the polygamy of auto manufacturers, each company grabs parts from its collective parts bin, and what you end up with is a car with parts from more than one country, guaranteed.



photos by Eric Iverson, The Stoutonia

(top) the Prius is Toyota's hybrid synergy drive model. It gets 61 mpg in the city and 51 mpg on the highway. (middle) this is Scion's sharp-edged xB. The xB gets 32 mpg in the city and 38 mpg on the highway. (bottom) Curve is Saturn's concept car. Not your typical Saturn, Curve gets 230 horsepower on a 2.2 liter supercharged four cylinder engine.





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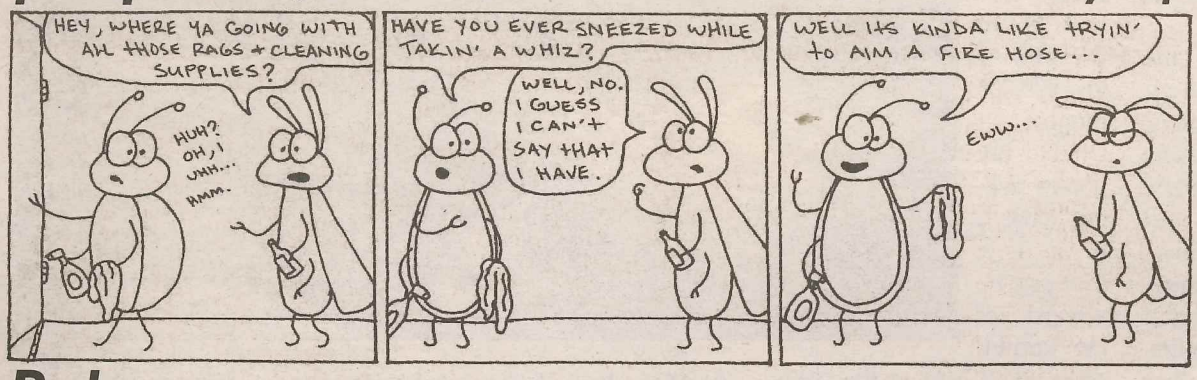
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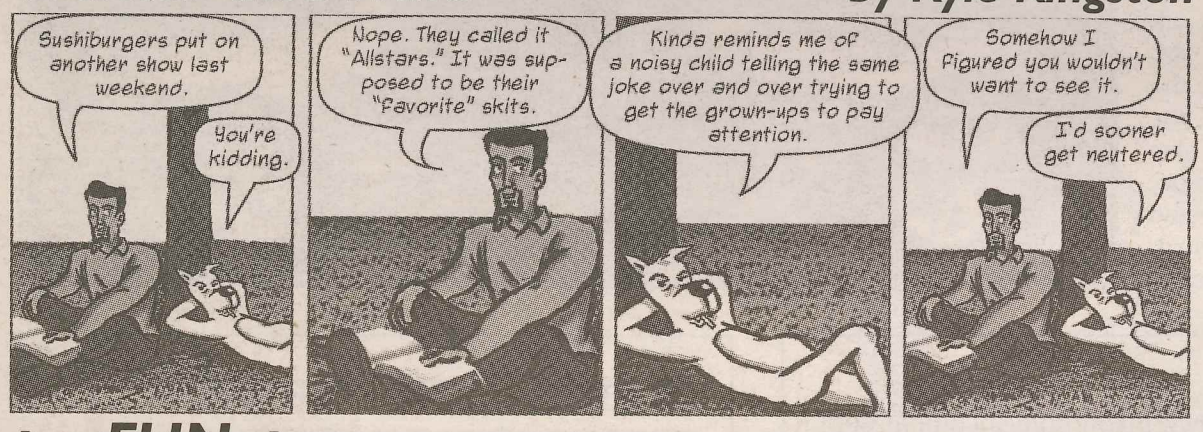
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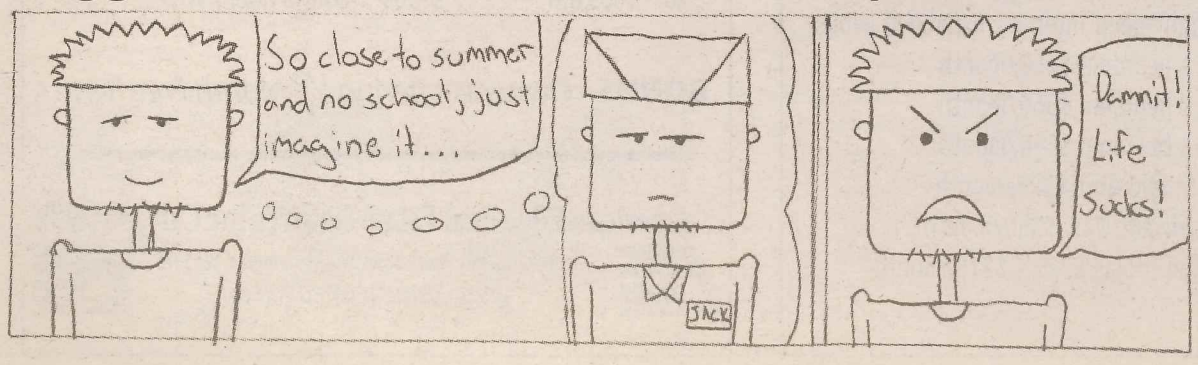


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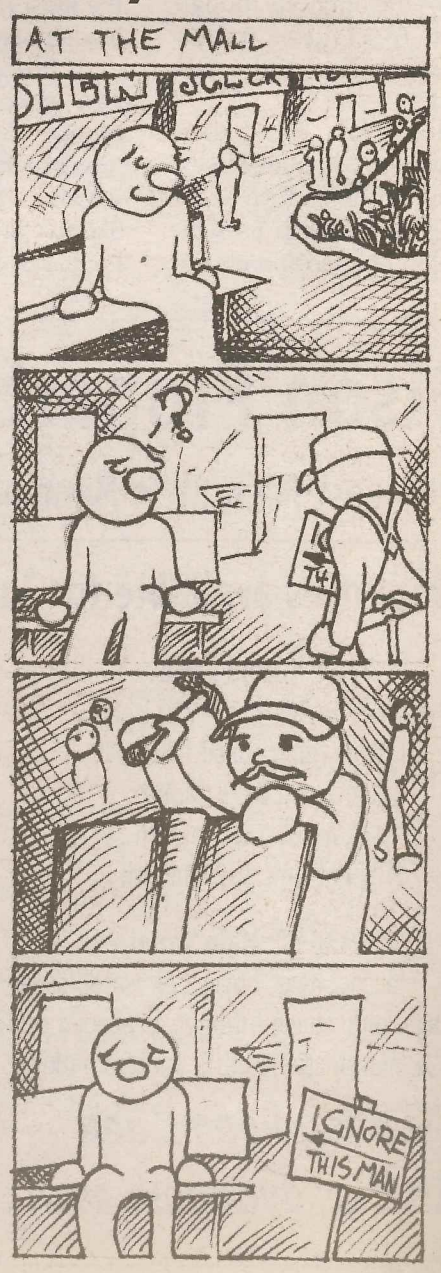
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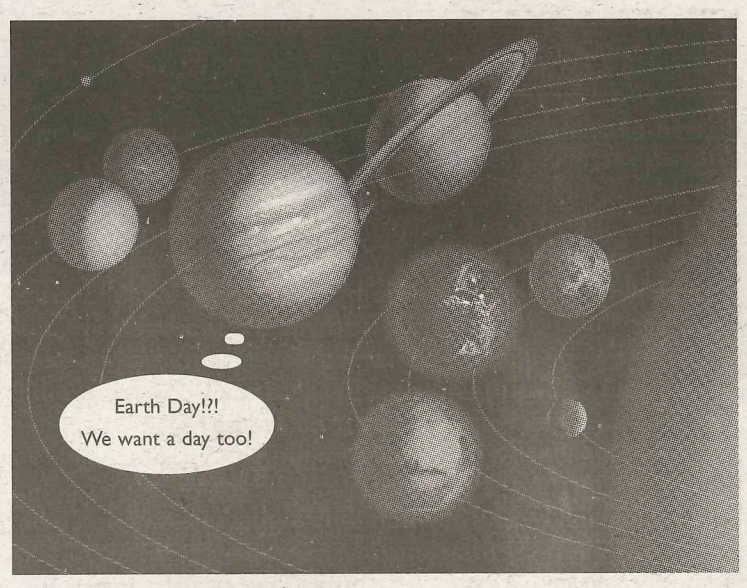
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Draft picks even you care about



DRAFTNICK
Sports Staff

The sports staff at The Stoutonia put our heads together and decided whothe top five draft picks could possibly be.

We also evaluated who the NFC north teams would pick in this year's draft.

The Top Five

1. San Diego Chargers — Eli Manning, Mississippi, QB: The Chargers have been talking about trading down in the draft. A trade with New York or Cleveland would be ideal. A trade would get the Chargers a receiver and a first round pick high enough to draft a QB.

2. Oakland Raiders— Robert Gallery, Iowa, OT: Whoever the Raiders' QB is, he is going to need a better offensive line, and Gallery is the perfect pick.

3. Arizona Cardinals — Larry Fitzgerald, Jr., Pittsburgh, WR: New Head Coach Dennis Green has loved Larry Fitzgerald since he was a ball boy for Green in Minnesota.

4. N.Y. Giants — Ben Roethlisberger, Miami, Ohio, QB: The Giants want Peyton Manning. They can't have him. The Giants want Eli Manning. They can't have him. Ben Roethlisberger or Philip Rivers aren't bad consolation prizes.

5. Washington Redskins - -Sean Taylor, Miami, S: Without Champ Bailey in the secondary, the Redskins will need better safety play. Taylor is the answer.

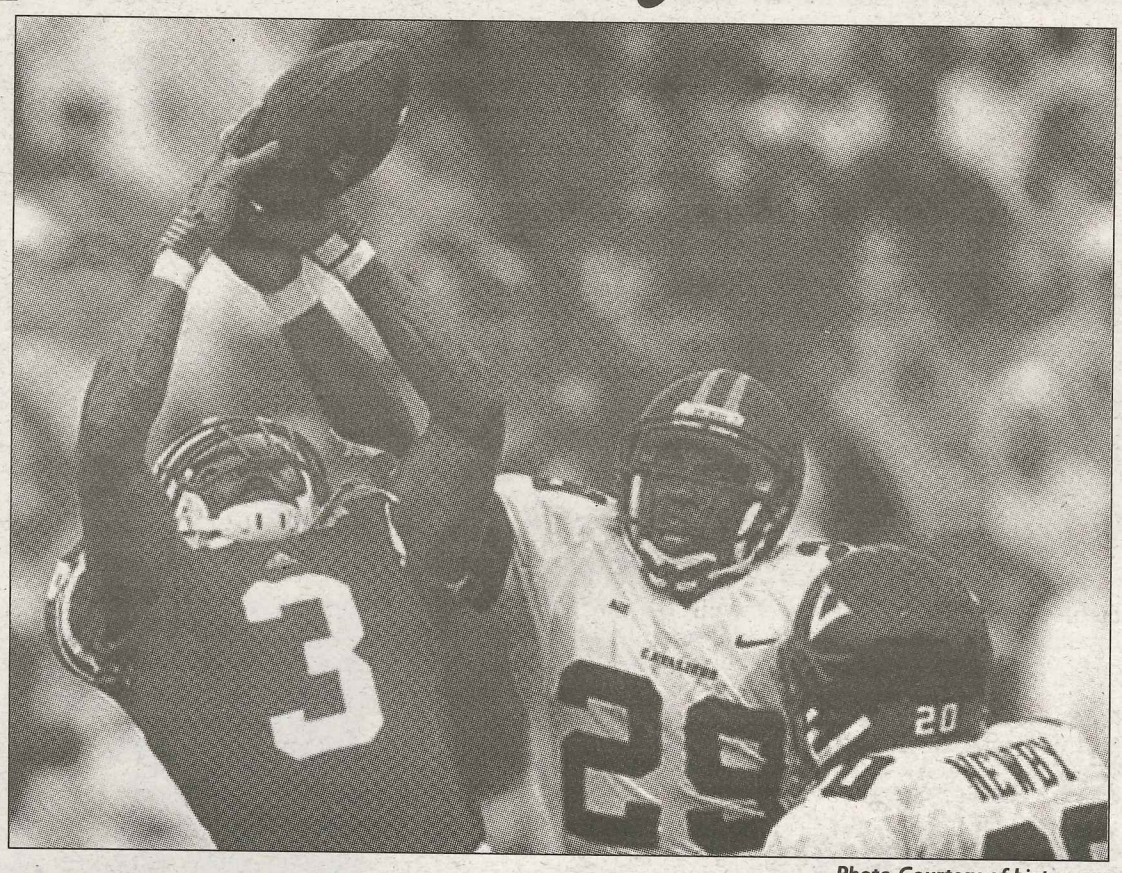


Photo Courtesy of bigten.org

Wisconsin's Lee Evans is expected to go in the first or second round of the 2004 draft. Evans had a big season for the Badgers after sitting out a whole year with a knee injury.

Around the NFC North

6. Detroit Lions — Kellen Winslow, Jr., Miami, TE: The Lions have too many holes to fill in the draft, but taking a big target for Joe Harrington to throw at is a solid pick.

14. Chicago Bears — Vince Wilfork, Miami, DT: Believing their offense is going in the right direction the Bears will look to add a defensive lineman to shore up their run stopping abilities. Wilfork will work. Also, Miami RB Jarrett Payton, son of Walter Payton, should wind up in a Bears jersey on day two of the draft.

19. Vikings — Jonathan Vilma, Miami, LB: The Vikings need to draft defense. They want to draft a defensive end like Will Smith, Ohio State, DE or Kenechi Udeze, Southern Cal, DE, but since both will probably be gone, the need for an LB is a logical choice. Wisconsin WR Lee Evans isn't out of the question. But all that matters for the Vikings is handing their pick in on time this year.

25. Green Bay Packers — DJ Williams, Miami, LB: Personally, we think the Packers need a new QB, but that could just be Curt's purple blood talking. Last year the Pack pulled a great LB out of nowhere in Nick Barrnet. The same might happen this year with DJ. DJ Williams from Miami.

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Being the strongest of them all

Wesley Simonis

The annual strength competition was filled with intense lifting and driven competitors as 13 people went for the title of "Strongest of them all."

The competition was hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stout fitness center and is in its sixth year of promoting strength and fitness to the students at UW-Stout.

Matthew Pederson won the competition for the men. Pederson weighed in at 169 pounds and won the title with a lift of 325 pounds on the bench and by squatting 315 pounds.

"What I'm most proud of is that I have won these competitions and lifted for seven years and succeeded without the use of any supplements or drugs whatsoever," said Pederson, a junior in technology education. "It is 100 percent natural, and it took a lot of hard work and determination in order to do it, but the results are much better knowing I did it by myself without the help of supplements or drugs."

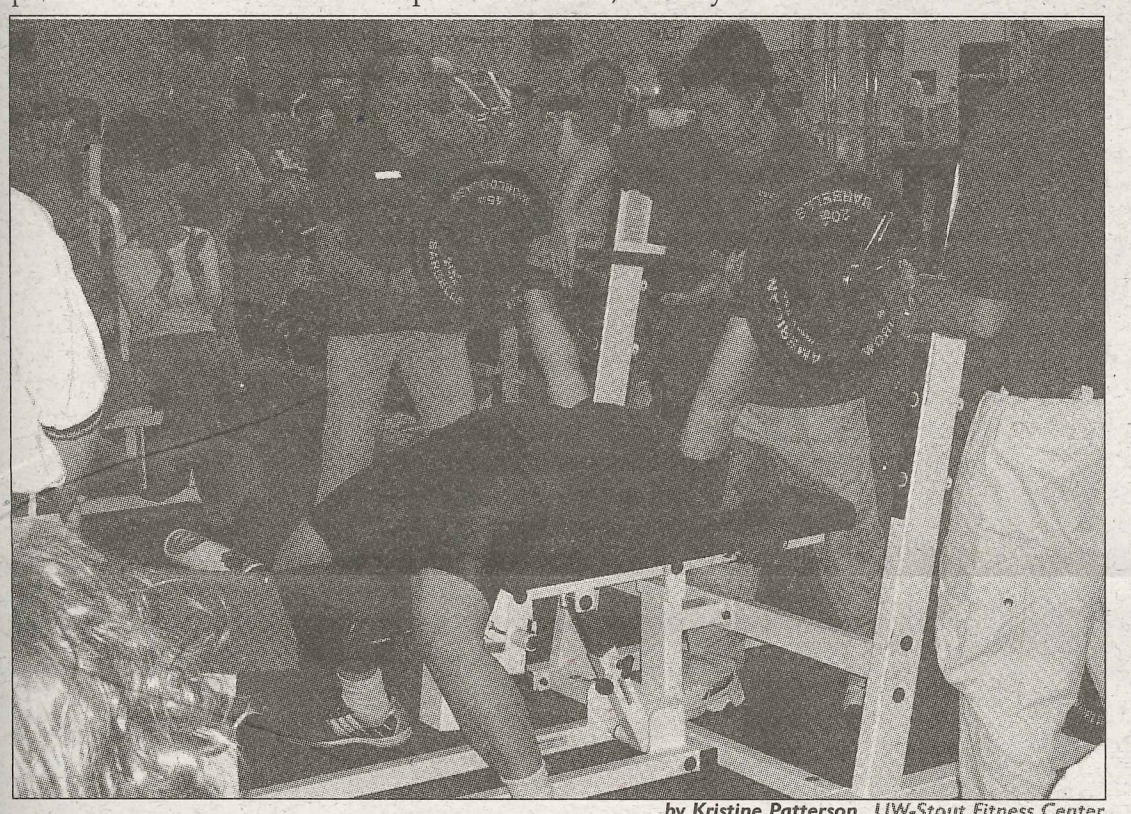
Pederson, who is an experienced lifter, mostly focuses on his chest 2 to 3 times a week.

In 2001 Pederson took first in his weight class in a bench press competition.

In the women's competiton, the title went to Karen Metzner. She weighed in at 222 pounds and lifted 145 pounds on the bench and squatted 210 pounds.

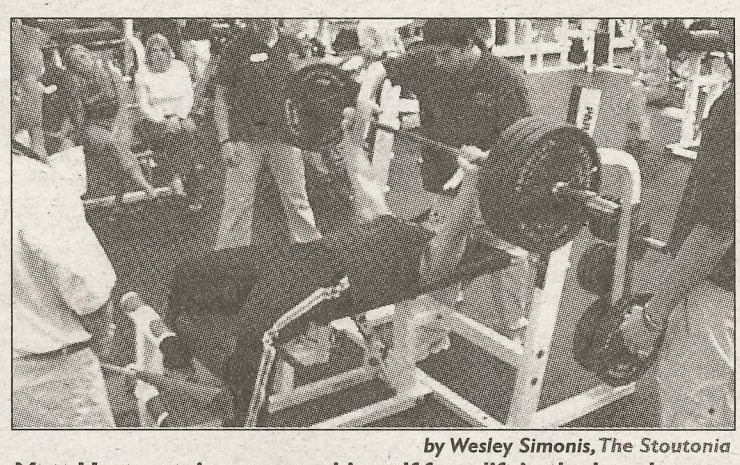
Metzner, who has lifted in many different competitions, such as the USA Powerlifting (USAPL) state meets and USAPL national meets, hadn't participated in a lifting competition since last May.

"I took some time off because I injured my back and shoulder," said Metzner, a freshman in graphic design. "I have been working out semi-regularly since fall, but I just started squatting again about three weeks ago."



by Kristine Patterson , UW-Stout Fitness Center

Karen Metzner attempts a lift during the strength competition hosted by the Health and Fitness Center. Metzner lifted 145 pounds on the bench and squatted 210 pounds.



by Wesley Simonis, The Stoutonia

Matt Hartenstein prepares himself for a lift in the bench competition. He was one of seven men to compete this year.

Both the squat and bench competitions contained strict rules that each lifter needs to follow in order to get credit for the lift.

On the bench, lifters need to keep their backs and butt firmly against the bench and their feet need to stay firmly on the ground.

When they brought the weight to their chest, it had to be held securely until the judge gave them permission to bring the weight back up and rack it.

When squatting, lifters need to bring their hips below their knees and could not bounce back up.

A noticeable pause at the bottom of each lift is needed before the weight can be lifted to the rack.

In both events, a lift can only be credited if two of the three judges see that form was perfect.

Lifting with perfect form is the true test of strength and endurance, and many struggled with form as the weight increased.

Although both winners have succeded in being the strongest at UW-Stout, they still have there sights set even higher.

"For now, I just set personal goals for my workouts," said Metzner. "In the long run, I dream to represent the United States at an international competition."

Pederson also has set some goals of his own on the bench press.

"I'm close to being able to bench press double my weight,"said Pederson. "I've been wanting to do that for a long time, and I am close to achieving it."

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Kaela Wold
Softball

There wasn't much that Kaela Wold couldn't do during the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Cluster tournament.

In ten games, Wold batted .469 with 15 hits and four stolen bases. She also had 12 RBIs and scored seven runs.

During the tournament, Wold also had two home runs and four doubles.

Her efforts not only helped the Blue Devils go undefeated in the tournament, but also earned her WIAC player of the week honors.

The wins put the Blue Devils on top of the conference with a 9-1 record.

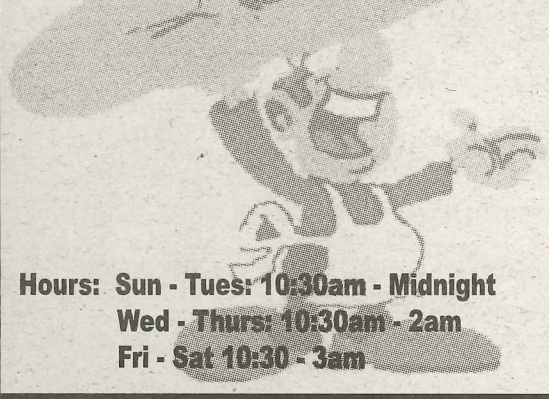
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Wold had a batting average of .469 in the last 10 games with 12 RBIs, 15 hits and seven scored runs.



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Disc golf in full swing

Amy Stoegbauer



by Wes Simonis, The Stoutonia

Dustin Honold practices putting on the baskets on campus. He won his division on both days of the Tower Ridge Open.

Last weekend, the University of Wisconsin-Stout disc golf club (SDGC) traveled to Eau Claire to take part in the Tower Ridge Open.

It was a Professional Disc Golf Association sanctioned event. Players came from all over the Midwest to compete on this extremely challenging course.

The tournament is two days long, as each division plays two rounds of 18-holes.

"This tournament is a great opportunity for the club to meet and watch some of the best disc golf players in Wisconsin," said Jason Hendrickson, president of the SDGC.

The Tower Ridge Open proved to be a very exciting event for the UW-Stout team as club member Dustin Honold took first place on Saturday in the Intermediate Men's Amateur II division.

The win gave Honold a spot on Sunday in the Advanced Men's Amateur Division.

Although Honold was asked to forfeit his spot on Sunday in order to accommodate more players, he decided to stay in the competition.

The decision to stay in the tournament turned out to be very wise. At the end of the tournament, Honold found himself in a tie for first place, which put him into a one-hole tie-breaker, where he dominated.

"I hope this victory creates more awareness toward the quality of play the SDGC has to offer along with the fun and open attitude of its members," says Honold. "I hope that more potentially interested people begin to play, not only on the course at Wakanda Park, but more importantly, start utilizing the baskets on campus."



by Wes Simonis, The Stoutonia

Drew Retherford lines up a putt on the practice course. The Spring Fling accepts all disc golfers regardless of ability.

UW-Stout alumni Tom Jenkins also took home a first place trophy in the Advanced Masters' division.

Jenkins was the club president when he attended the university in the 1980s. He is now a disc golf course designer.

Other SDGC members sold concessions at the tournament, and the proceeds will help off-set the costs of this weekend's Spring Fling Tournament, hosted by the SDGC at Wakanda Park.

The Spring Fling is a non-sanctioned event; therefore, anyone is welcome to grab some discs and play.

"Spring Fling is a great chance for people who have never competed to come out and play in the beginners division," said Hendrickson. "The special events planned should also be very entertaining to all levels of players."

The tournament kicks off Saturday morning with Amateur, Advanced Amateur and Professional divisions' check-in at 9 a.m.

At noon, there will be a Quizno's lunch and special events.

Special events include a motorized, rotating disc-golf basket and a floating basket in Lake Menomin. Prizes will be given away to those who win the contests.

The beginners and Women's divisions competitions are on Sunday. Beginner's registration is at 9 a.m. and Women's is at 1 p.m. with special events at noon.

Both of these divisions cost $5 to enter.

Advanced registration materials are available at Simple Sports, located on Main Street across from The Buck.

"We have members playing in every division from beginner/novice all the way up to pro. Advanced players are always willing to help out if someone wants to improve their game," said Hendrickson.

All people are invited to play in the tournament or to just come and watch some competitive disc golf.

Anyone interested in learning more about SDGC can contact stoutdiscgolf-club@uwstout. edu.

BLUE Scoreboard DEVIL

Baseball

Stout 5 — Stevens Point 10

Game 1

Stout 6 — Stevens Point 20

Game 2



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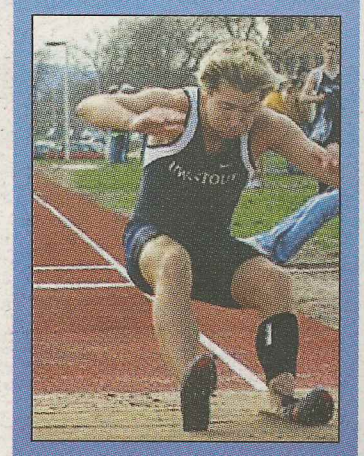
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Next meet:

Men: Saturday, April 24, at Drake relays

Women: Saturday, April 24 at La Crosse Classic



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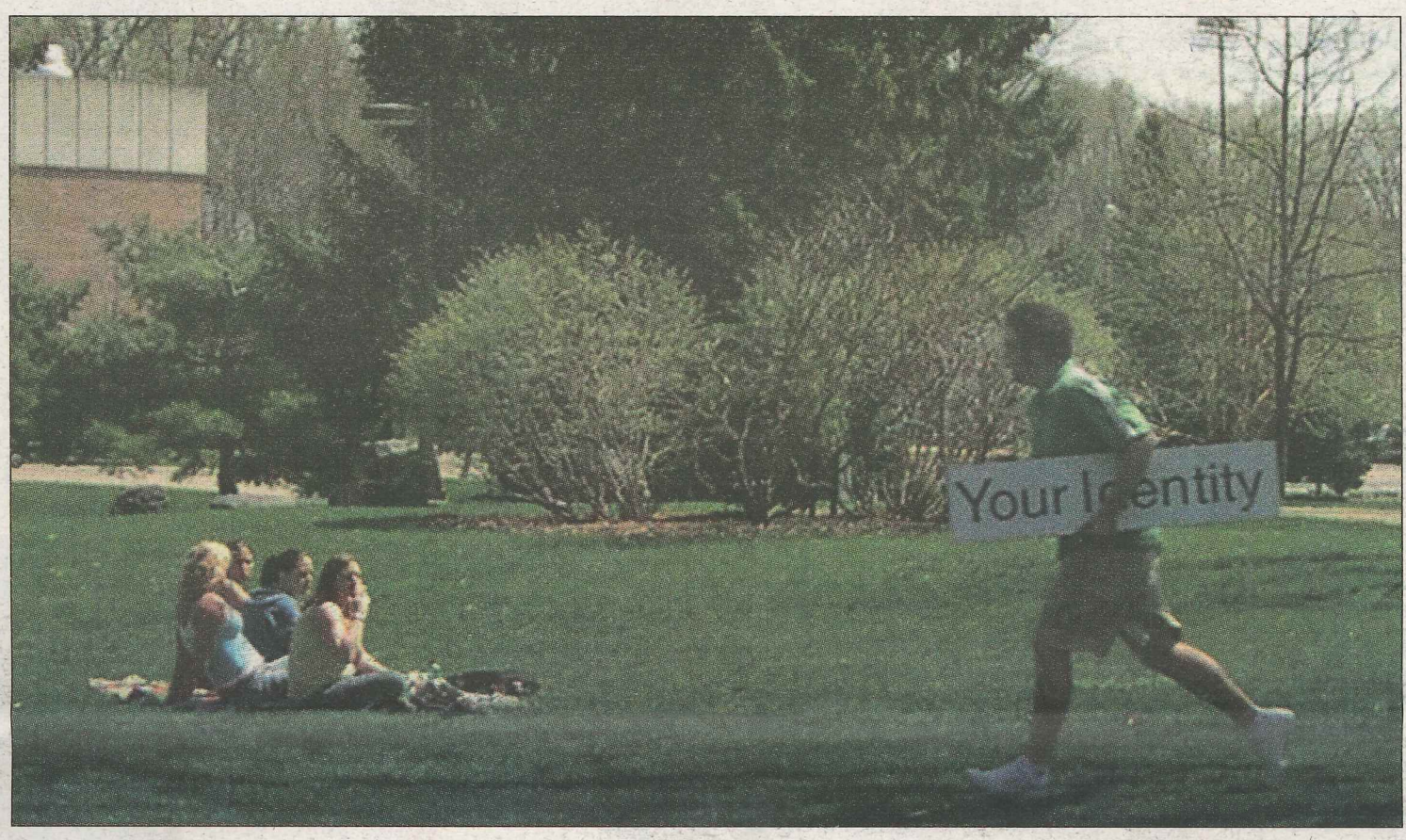
Lucky Boys Confusion will be playing on campus for the Blue Devil Production's Throw Parties Not Bombs.

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Fraud e-mails target students

Fake emails being sent to students increase, attempting to gather personal information

Tim Krueger



by Amanda Herr, The Stoutonia

Digital identities are easily stolen, and students are finding there are many people interested in taking them. A recent rise in fraudulent e-mails has put students on the defensive.

Identity theft has been an increasing problem since the invention of the Internet and electronic communication. On the Web, you are identified by a few sets of numbers: your Social Security number, date of birth and credit card numbers. If thieves are able to get these numbers, they can essentially become you on the Internet and purchase items, open bank accounts and receive money as if they were you.

Identity thieves get this information by "spamming" or "phishing" for these numbers. This involves thieves setting up Web sites, posing as legitimate online businesses such as eBay, Paypal, credit card companies or banks.

As many University of Wisconsin-Stout students experienced recently, these scams are everywhere. E-mails were sent to students this week, posed as U.S. Bank, University Accounting Service and other businesses. These e-mails usually claim a loss of data or deleting of old accounts and ask the recipient to click on a link to verify their information.

"I don't know of any legitimate business that will request this information through e-mail," said Lisa Walter, chief of University Police. Some students who received the e-mails clicked through the links, but there have been no reports of students giving out any sensitive information.

These scams may also be operated through the telephone, such as the scam several students reported in the fall of 2003, where a caller claiming to be from StoutOne needed to verify account information.

Walter said if students receive e-mails or phone calls that seem fraudulent, the student should call that com-

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Nine professors retire from Stout

Amanda Herr

For at least 25 years, Sue Beckham, Mary Thompson, Rita Slinden and Mary Riordan have devoted their professional efforts to the students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout. They will be retiring at the end of this year along with five other faculty and academic staff members.

"This will be the first time in 60 years I haven't gone to school in the fall," said Beckham, a professor in the English and philosophy department who is retiring after 35 years at UW-Stout.

Beckham, who lives in River Falls, Wis., is looking forward to not getting up in the dark. She will also read daily newspapers and learn Italian "because Greek's too hard." She plans to travel to Greece and Turkey and also work for democratic political causes as the 2004 elections approach. Eventually, Beckham would like to teach one-credit film courses at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

An April 23, 2004, article in the New York Times sparked some concern for Beckham. The first generation of women to succeed in the professional arena defined themselves by their careers, the article said. Now that this generation faces retirement, some are wondering, "Who am I now?"

Thompson is unfazed by this definition and says she is ready for a "different version of life" that offers more freedom. She has been at UW-Stout for 29 years and is currently a senior lecturer in the human development and family studies department. Moving to a warmer climate, possibly Florida, is top on Thompson's list, as well as, being a tourist "when its not tourist season."

"I'm really happy we have e-mail," Thompson

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Schofield barred from UW System

Jessica Kooiman

Panty thief Anthony Scholfield has been barred for two years from the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus and from enrolling or attending classes at any of the schools in the University of Wisconsin system.

A non-academic hearing committee composed of students and staff made the decision in March.

The disciplinary actions, which come one year after Scholfield was arrested, were set forth after several students alerted Joan Thomas, assistant dean of students, about frequently seeing Scholfield on campus.

"We take disciplinary action after it is determined that non-academic misconduct occurred," said Thomas, who was involved with the case.

On Dec. 26, 2003, Scholfield was convicted of one count of burglary, ordered to pay $8,873.04 in restitution, including legal fees, property damage and property replacement fees, and sentenced to three years of probation. He then spent 90 days in jail, but was allowed to leave for 12 hours a day for school and work.

A Menomonie police

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>
> **Laura Jensen**
> *Sophomore, General Business Administration*

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 56° Low 34° Partly Cloudy	High 52° Low 32° Partly Cloudy	High 51° Low 31° Partly Cloudy

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Police Beat

Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Citations
Citations for the week of April 20 to April 27:

Underage Drinking Citations
First offense: 22 citations
Second offense: 2 citations

Resisting/Obstructing an Officer: 1 citation

Southwestern unwanted
A student received an unsolicited phone call, on April 20, from someone claiming to represent Southwestern Company. The caller claimed that he obtained the student's phone number from a survey she completed. The student was suspicious of the call and reported it to police in case it was a phone scam. The student was advised to contact the department if she receives any more unwanted phone calls.

Southwestern still unwanted
On April 21, a student reported to police that she received a phone call from a male wanting to meet with her about a job opportunity at the Super 8 Motel. The male subject identified himself as Rich and a representative of Southwestern. Rich told the student to meet him at 1:00 p.m. because he had a job offer for her. An officer called the motel and found that Rich was in fact putting on a presentation about Southwestern at the motel. Both students who were contacted were informed of this information.

Badabingz drinks for sport
Police were notified, on April 22, that flyers for a drinking contest had been placed on tables throughout the Memorial Student Center. Badabingz was the bar sponsoring the contest. Police contacted the owner and informed him that the flyers had been destroyed and that any further postings would be in violation of Chapter 18, Illegal Postings.

Take your keys to the shower
A student in Keith Hall reported on April 22 that while she was in the shower, someone entered her room and stole her checkbook. Her roommate was in class at the time, and the room was closed but not locked. The student was advised to contact her bank. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Norwegian Death Metal
On April 25, UW-Stout police assisted Menomonie Police in a felony stop at the Kwik Trip at exit 45 on I-94. A bus driver, who was transporting the band Satyricon, while it was on tour, called the Menomonie Police to report that the tour manager threw a radio at the bus driver. The driver also stated that there were guns and drugs on board. Menomonie Police requested that all available units respond. A UW-Stout officer responded and drew his firearm to assist in the felony stop. The stop concluded without incident.

Pot grows in a pot
A Tustison Hall RA reported to police, on April 26, that he thought a student on his floor was growing marijuana in his room. Police contacted the student and the student allowed the officers to search his room. Police observed a growing pot on his desk with a light over it, but no plant growing in it. The student said he was growing a plant. There was no evidence that he was growing marijuana. The student was warned about the light being a fire hazard.

Be the ball Danny
On April 26, police responded to a call to the Johnson Fieldhouse about a student who had been hit in the face with a softball. Upon arrival, officers found the student's nose was bleeding and that Johnson Fieldhouse staff provided an icepack to the student. The Menomonie Fire Department advised the student to go to the emergency room. The student's friends transported him to the Myrtle Werth emergency room.

Retirees / Plans for the future

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said. She has enjoyed being part of the UW-Stout community and wants to continue to share in the lives of her colleagues and students after she retires.

Slinden began teaching physical education and coaching track and swimming when she was hired in 1971. She only planned on staying at UW-Stout for a few years, but then met her husband, Howard Slinden of placement and co-op services. The couple never left.

"I'm excited," Slinden said of her retirement. "I'm counting down a little bit." She will continue to coach track at Menomonie High School and is looking forward to catching more of her son's football games at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

The highlight of Slinden's career was watching the growth of women's athletics. In the 70s, Slinden said women were so excited to have their own athletic teams, they didn't realize or care that women's sports were not equally supported by the university.

Slinden recruited women for the swim team by hanging posters in the residence halls. The university provided station wagons for transportation to and from meets, but team members bought their own equipment and never stayed overnight for a competition.

Riordan started at UW-Stout in 1970 on an hourly basis as a writing tutor. She then worked with students with learning disabilities and became director of multicultural student support services five years ago when the university created the office out of student demand.

The biggest source of delight for Riordan has been the students she has worked with. She admires their courage and willingness to overcome obstacles of equal opportunity in education.

"I'm really going to miss them," Riordan said. "But they know where I live."

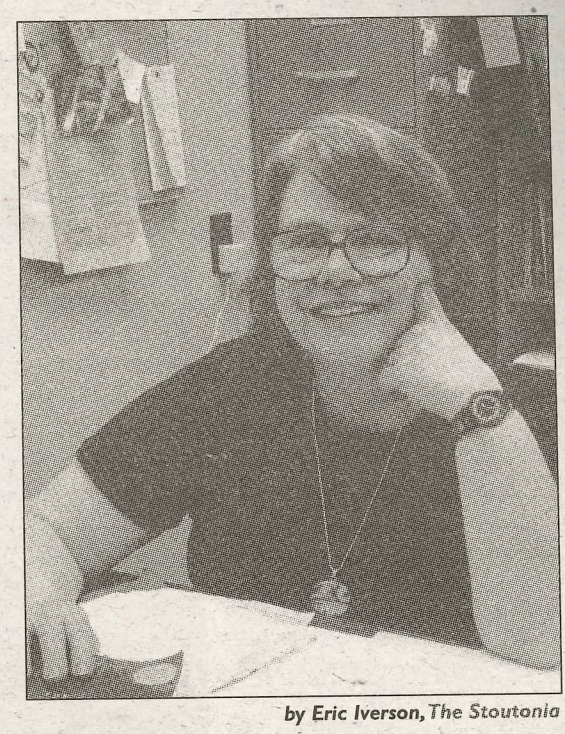
Riordan is looking forward to having time off to work at home and do some family research. She and her husband, English professor Dan Riordan, are also anticipating the arrival of their first grandchild at the end of June.

"We've clocked a lot of hours," Slinden said of the retiree's time at UW-Stout. "I think Stout's just a real friendly place. I like to think I fit in."

All four women said they will miss their students most. Slinden said that although she taught many of the same classes year after year, the personality of her classes always changed, keeping her experience fresh.

Riordan said she won't miss attending meetings and preparing budgets.

Other faculty and academic staff retirees are Karl Botterbusch, 32 years, professor, research and training; Jon Fuller, 25 years, director of Student Life Services; Joe Jax, 44 years, associate professor and director of the Library Learning Center; Pat McManamy, 33 years, assistant professor, English and philosophy; and Glen Miller, 6 years, assistant professor, technology.



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Radio Frequency ID enters our world

Becky Hartung

Large refrigerators at Best Buy, costing $7,000, come Internet ready. When you open the door, it tells you which items have expired.

Students at the Rochester Institute of Technology utilize "smart" kitchens. When they pull an item of a shelf and place it in the microwave, the microwave pulls cooking instructions from the Internet and automatically begins cooking.

Metro supermarkets in Europe have meat information kiosks that give information on where the cow was from, how it was processed and how it should be cooked.

Last semester, corporate officials from Kimberly-Clark spoke to students and staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stout about these and other advancements made possible by radio frequency identification (RFID) technology.

"It's exciting to understand the technology behind this; I hope I can get students excited to think in this new technology and implement it in package design solutions," said Nagesh Shinde, an assistant professor of graphic design.

According to the Association for Automatic Identification and Data Capture Technologies (AIM), it is unlikely that RFID will completely replace the barcode; however, RFID will continue to develop in niches where the barcode and other technologies are not effective.

Packages will no longer be able to contain foil; aluminum and other metals may also interfere with the technology. This will create a surge of packaging redesigns; the soda or beer may soon be extinct.

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> **Kenneth Neuberg**
> *Program Director, Packaging*

"I'd like to be a packaging student right now," said Kenneth Neuburg, the packaging program director. "The leap from a 25 year window with barcodes to this in four years or less is incredible."

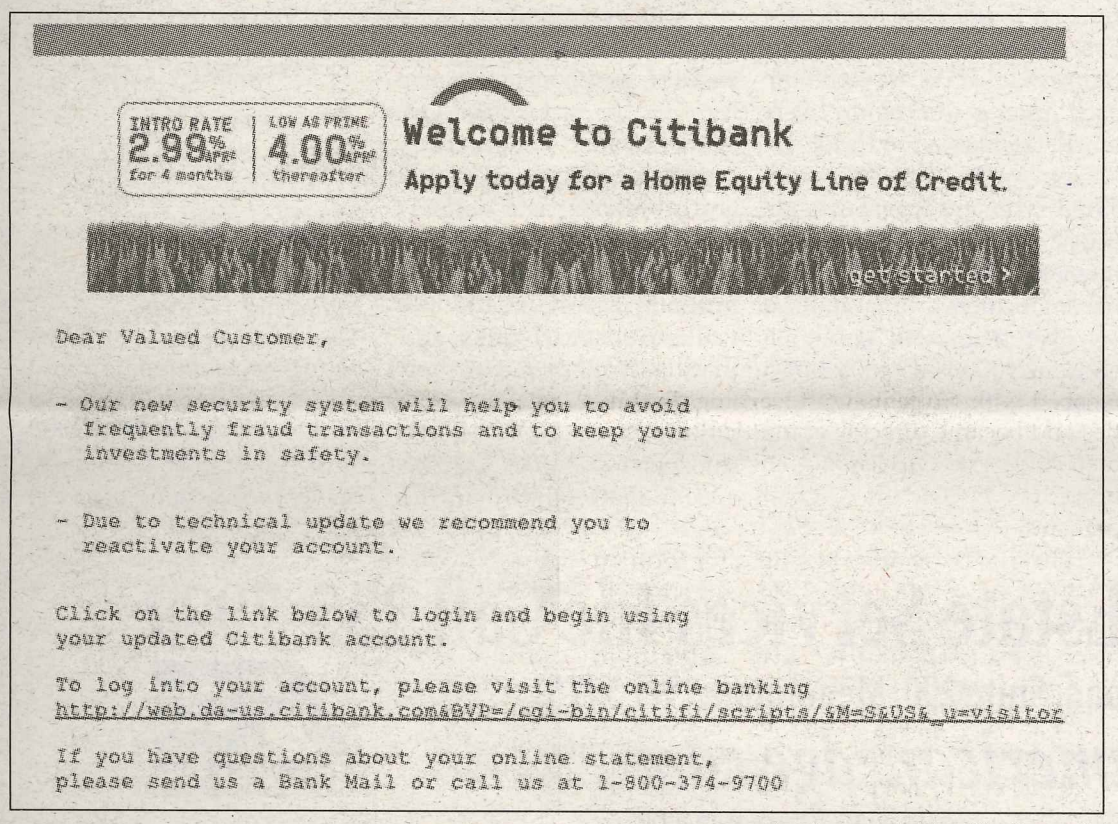
Wal-Mart and the Department of Defense intend to rollover from the barcode to RFID by 2005. Procter and Gamble, Sara Lee, Kellogg, Nestle, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer also hope to jump on the bandwagon.

According to Print Solutions magazine, there were 232 million tags in 2002. By 2007, Allied Business Intelligence expect this number to grow to 1.62 billion.

"It took 25 years to get the barcode deployed," said Michael O'Shea, Kimberly-Clark's directory of corporate Auto-Id/RFID strategies and technology. "We're depending on the universities to help us prepare for this!"

RFID, which first appeared in the 1980s to track and access applications, is the newest enhancement to the barcode. It identifies the product but also capable of tracking and recording product data. Three components are necessary for RFID technology: the anten-

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screenshot by Amanda Herr, The Stoutonia

Frauduent emails such as this one claim to be from a legitimate company, but then route you to a fake website. This particular e-mail was attempting to attain credit card and PIN numbers.

Frauds / Be aware

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pany's customer service line to determine if the request was valid. If a company or UW-Stout needs a customer or student to change their password, they would have no reason to request the old password, they would just let you know that you will need to change your password.

"If verification is needed, [UW-Stout Financial Aid Office] will call students to the office," said Walter. This protects the student from such online scams and secures the personal information.

According to the Office of the Inspector General, if you should become a victim of this and give your information to a phishing scam, you should alert the fraud departments of the three major credit bureaus, cancel any bank or credit card accounts that may have been compromised and file a police report.

Identity theft costs 10 million Americans $50 billion per year, and an estimated $1,500 and 175 hours of work per person to straighten out their finances after an identity theft case. This is according to http://www.fightidentitytheft.com, a Web site to help victims of identity theft and educate people on the prevention of identity theft.

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2	619 13th Ave	$460	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water
3	716 12th Ave	$575	Big Kitch, Close to Campus W/D
4	1514 10th St	$580	Behind Lammers
4	1208 8th St	$600	W/D Hookups, Gas Heat
4	1208 1/2 8th St	$600	Gas Heat
4	1120 15th Ave	$620	Very Large Bedroom, W/D
4	309 14th Ave	$760	W/D, Good Location
4	1314 8th St	$780	W/D, Garage
5	1121 6th Ave	$700	House, Gas Heat
5	1120 1/2 15th Ave	$800	W/D, Large Rooms
6	1402 8th St	$750	W/D, Gas Heat
6	114 A 17th Ave	$1050	Super Location, W/D
6	114 B 17th Ave	$1050	Super Location, W/D
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2 bedroom $560/month
3 bedroom $850/month
Studio unit $325/month
Efficient Unit $350/month
Sleeping rooms $225 - $275/month

RFID / Radio devices keep watch

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na, transceiver with decoder (reader) and transponder (tag).

The antenna produces an electromagnetic field to activate, read and write data to the tag. It can be placed in a doorway to read information from people and objects passing through or packaged with the transceiver to become a handheld or mounted reader.

Passive tags are often compared to license plates; both identify a particular item or person, but additional information can only be obtained by doing further research.

Also, passive tags lack an external power source and function by obtaining power from the reader. They are lighter, cheaper and have an unlimited lifetime, but require a high-powered reader, are read only and hold 32-128 bits of data.

Active tags are recommend for businesses accustomed to the flexibility associated with barcodes. They have an internal battery and are usually read/writable, offering up to 1 MB of memory. The battery yields a longer read range, but decreases operational life while increasing size and cost.

Regardless of the condition–fog, snow, paint or grime, RFID tags communicate information; they do not need to be visible or contacted.

Those against the normalization of RFID into American culture fear an invasion of privacy. Active tags have the ability to record the location and movement of all products after purchase. According to an article by Mike Baard of Wired magazine, the public fears retailers, marketers, criminals and the government will be able to scan people and houses to determine exactly what possessions they own.

Last summer, Wal-Mart pulled products with RFID technology from its shelves because the public was ready to accept them.

According to Wired, to sway public opinion, many large food, drug and retail companies have turned to the government to sway public opinion. They argue that RFID protects the public's food and medical supply from terrorism. Tom Ridge, the Secretary of Homeland Security, has given the companies his approval.

Ridge's consent may also give them legal protection from the Safety Act of 2002, which gives blanket protection from lawsuits to companies who make antiterrorism devices. Such companies cannot be sued if their devices fail during a terrorist attack.

Those in favor of RFID say its purpose is to keep precise track of inventory, verify authenticity and help with recalls.

The information on read/write tags can be locked and consumers have the option of "killing" the tag to permanently disable it upon checkout. AIM notes cell phones, which utilize active tags, credit cards and ATMs provide just as much, if not more, of a risk to invasion of privacy.

Furthermore, O'Shea claims Wal-Mart is second to the IRS in terms of data recorded. If Wal-Mart tracked every movement of every item, nine terabytes of data would be generated each minute. It wouldn't be worth the hassle.

According to O'Shea, Kimberly-Clark does not use active technology and is not interested in using RFID to track consumers.

"We deal with enough body excretion in our labs," he said. "We don't need to know about yours."

Scholfield / Kick out

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report says more than 850 pairs of women's underwear were found in Scholfield's possession.

UW Administrative code defines nonacademic misconduct as "conduct that constitutes a serious danger to the personal safety of a member of the university community or guest."

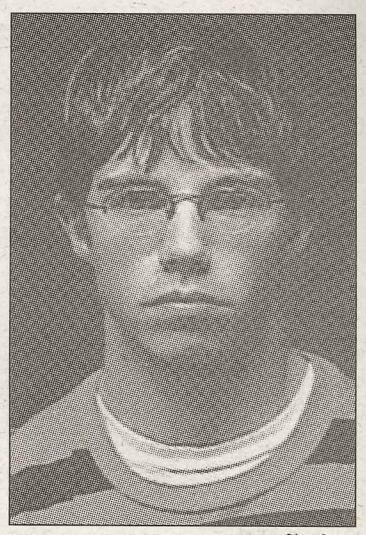
According to the chancellor's office, Scholfield has waived his right to appeal the two-year sanction.

Scholfield, who was enrolled in classes at UW-Stout during the spring semester, was convicted of charges related to stealing panties from a house where five Stout students lived. Although he was arrested on April 20, 2003, he remained on campus until the university took action in March.

"He's an art major and so am I, so I constantly saw him in the art building," said Lindsey Helgeson, a senior in industrial design and resident of the burglarized house.

"A few times it was just him and I alone in the hall walking past each other, and that really made me uncomfortable. It ruins my whole day every time I see him," she said.

Students other than the victims said they agree that Scholfield should be barred from campus.



file photo

Scholfield is barred from UW campuses for two years

"Just knowing what he did made me uncomfortable being on campus around him," said Laura Jenson, a sophomore business major. "I'm glad the university finally took action."

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> *Senior, Industrial Design*

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1	1	803 Wilson Ave #3	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	n/a	n/a	All ult. inc/ great downtown location	
2	1	619 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
2	1	1803 _ 7th St.	$440	$220	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
2	1	607 13th St.E #5	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$395	$132	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$555	$185	$695	$232	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$625	$209	n/a	n/a	Large apartment, parking	D
3	1.5	1820 8th St.	$750	$250	$870	$290	Great House Available Aug 1, 2004	
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$600	$200	n/a	n/a	Util inc/.5 bath/washer/dryer/n/p	4
3	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$660	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$495	$124	$615	$154	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$560	$140	$720	$180	right behind Lammers/ nice layout	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$580	$145	$700	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$600	$150	$760	$190	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook-up	D
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$740	$185	$880	$220	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas heat	H
4	1	921 Main St #1	$700	$175	$860	$215	parking and convenient location	4
4	1	1216 6th St.	$840	$210	$1010	$253	across from campus, nice house	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$775	$194	$975	$244	Excellent location/parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$880	$220	$1005	$252	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond.	8
4	1	915 Main St	$700	$175	$830	$208	Good location in duplex	D
4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1380	$345	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$540	$135	$660	$165	Gas heat/Storage	D
4	2	205 17th Ave W A	$1000	$250	$1140	$285	Great location, close to campus	4
5	2	422 12th Ave	$1175	$235	$1410	$282	Nice House/great location w/porch	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave.	$550	$110	$700	$140	Storage/Gas heat HOUSE /PARKING	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$700	$140	$880	$176	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	1	1320 6th St.	$820	$164	$995	$199	WD hookup/great location, garage	H
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$900	$180	$1080	$216	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG.Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. C	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	1820 8th St. D	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr. #1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/ washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$975	$195	$1175	$235	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
6	2	1402 - 8th St.	$600	$100	$780	$130	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/good layout	H
6	2	1603 7th Street	$1,000	$167	$1200	$200	WASHER/DRYER/ new carpet / very nice	H
6	2	114 "A" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	114 "B" 17th Ave.	$950	$159	$1160	$194	Super location/WashDry hook-up/large rooms	D
6	2	1602 - 8th St.	$1,175	$195	$1385	$228	WASHER/DRYER/Storage/Gas heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1175	$195	$1375	$229	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
7	2	820 11th St.	$1750	$250	$2030	$290	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
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Forecasts

We should have gone to college to guess the temperature.

Plenty of reasons to fight



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

Currently, Stoutonia members do not have a definite viewpoint on the war in Iraq. Some members support liberation while others feel Bush committed an unjust act of war.

Regardless of our affiliations, we all agree our generation can enjoy countess freedoms because dedicated individuals are willing to fight for us.

During these last few weeks of school, it's easy to get caught up in the hubbub of final projects, papers and exams. Sure, these things are tremendously important, but in the grand scope of things, they're not a matter of life and death.

In light of the end of the semester, we encourage you to take a step back and think of all the privileges we can enjoy while others our age are overseas fighting for our country.

While some of us gather for a fun evening with friends, others are preparing for a midnight raid.

We gripe because a teacher pulled us aside to criticize our performance. Soldiers get critical feedback in the form of bullets and bombs.

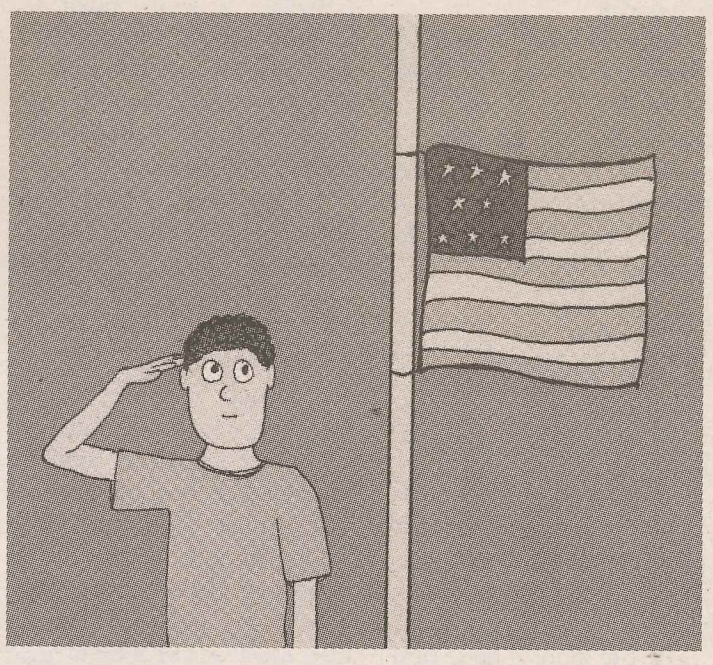
Our rent is too high; our food is too expensive. At least we have our own rooms and more food than a Meal-Ready-to-Eat.

Women on our campus will fight to earn a salary equal to men's. Yet females in some countries are denied a higher-level education.

How often have you or someone close to you complained about long distance relationships? Maybe your sweetheart lives in La Crosse. Maybe they even live in a different state. That sure is a lot closer than Bosnia.

We pack up our cars and go for an extended weekend when we can squeeze it in. Others kiss pictures of their one-year-old son, whom they've never even seen, good night during sandstorms.

People lose their lives so we can continue to live freely in pursuit of happiness. In return,



we vote.

Well, maybe some of us vote.

Oh, wait, your vote doesn't really matter, so why even bother?

Here's a story for you: South Milwaukee, a southeast suburb, recently had a tie mayoral election. That's right, a tie. Officials didn't know what to do, so the winner was chosen by pulling a name out of a hat.

Of course your vote counts. It's too late when you say "I wish I would have."

We will soon be electing a new president. Don't make all those flags fly at half staff in vain.

If you feel we belong in Iraq, vote accordingly; if you want our troops back home, vote accordingly. It's your freedom. It's your right.

We're going to school to be construction managers, graphic designers and family counselors. Some people go to school and specialize in Army and Navy tactics.

We're not saying one's better than the other, but it's something to think about the next time we want to whine about the quality of hardware in our labs.

End of the school year rockin' eve

NICE PANTS
Matt Schubbe

It's that time of year again. Things are winding down, and everybody is feeling the effects of that end of semester crunch time. I thought that since everyone is feeling the tug of finals, I would lighten the mood with a little bit of year in review.

Could I be doing an article that requires research, you ask? Not really. When I say year in review, I mean a look back at this year's newspaper, and at the risk of sounding a little self-absorbed, a look back at my articles. Just think of this as a clip show for a long-running television series.

As the year started off and everyone was getting ready for classes, I was perfecting the very first adult onezie. As a follow up, I actually have begun selling these big people onezies, but they kind of tanked in the U.S.; they were a big hit in Japan, though. Maybe America just wasn't ready.

Soon after the onezie article, I got a job as the school's unofficial corporate mascot, the Fighting Pepsi. Although the costume was pretty itchy, it was all worth it to make just one child smile and say: "Hey, Pepsi man!" I'm getting misty.

I had to quit when that other unofficial spokesman, Mr. Wendy, started his TV ads. He sued me for copyright infringement, but I took care of him. Let's just say he better be careful next time he eats a hoagie....

In the coming months after Pepsi man, I traced my family's history and found out that I was related to one Mr. Tom Green. Those of you who saw the pictures remember how uncanny the resemblance was, but you should see me now.

As a result of some kind of subconscious Tom Green worship, I have grown a mustache in addition to my goatee. With any luck, I'll be dating Drew Barrymore by the end of the month.

As winter and Christmas drew near, I grew bored with the standard Christmas TV fanfare. In writing my own Christmas special "The Story of the Fronch," I single handedly caused 3.4 million children to change the channel and watch "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer." Why do I even bother?

As my winter blahs increased to dangerous proportions, I invented a new sport along with several of my friends. "Snow Diving" was inches away from being an Olympic sport, but when I sent a tape of us playing to the Olympic committee, they were so repulsed by my compatriots and me with our shirts off that they flat out refused to admit the sport. I guess there's always next year.

Lastly, who could forget my exciting Spring Break adventure in space? Actually, I forgot most of it due to a recent head injury, so if anyone has a copy of the article, I'd sure appreciate it if you'd send it to me.

In closing, I'd just like to say that it's been a lot of fun. I get to write about all of my wacky adventures, and the three or four people that read this column get to enjoy it.

Good luck with finals, and don't touch my stuff.

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Letters to the Editor

Nice pants

I just wanted to say that I thoroughly enjoy Matt Schubbe's "Nice Pants" column each week! His articles are always hilarious and often a refreshing break from the recurrent topics of the other columns.

Cindy Yerges
UW-Stout Student

Ms. Yerges,

Thank you for writing in with some positive thoughts on our paper. Mr. Schubbe is a hard working, yet crazy-thinking individual.

We are glad to have him on our staff and glad to hear that students are enjoying his work.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Provocative clothing

As part of a group project for HDFL-456, Abuse and The Family, we surveyed 30 male UW Stout students to learn if wearing provocative (revealing or body fitting) clothing is a risk factor for female UW Stout students. The survey consisted of three separate photographs of college-aged females dressed in particular attire ranging from conservative to provocative.

The male students were asked which of the three women would most likely be a victim of sexual violence. Unsurprisingly, 90 percent of the respondents indicated that the women dressed more provocatively would more likely be victimized.

The survey ended with the statement, "Sexual expression through clothing does not give the OK to victimize a partner or peer, nor does their choice in environment such as going to the bar," to which 100 percent of those surveyed agreed. However, a few off-the-survey comments indicated otherwise. In particular a write in statement said, *"But it still doesn't give girls the right to wear whatever they want to."*

As much as provocative clothing may be disliked or associated with sexual violence, a girl or woman does have the right to wear whatever she chooses.

Weather it is in her best interest to wear provocative clothing is another issue, but nevertheless it does not make her liable for wearing any type of clothing in any type of environment. Who is liable is the perpetrator who makes inappropriate sexual advances verbally or physically toward a woman.

The consequences of a UW Stout student being convicted of a sex crime include a full-range of options up to academic and/or professional dismissal and/or criminal charging. Conviction of criminal charges require perpetrators to register on the Wisconsin Sex Offenders List and jail time.

Mary Belknap
UW-Stout Student

What you talking 'bout Tim?

What exactly did President Bush say that has you in such a tizzy?

You rip on President Bush for being wealthy and hanging out with wealthy people. Here's a lesson about Kerry, he divorced a woman worth $300 to marry another worth $700 million. President Bush married and is still married to his longtime sweetheart.

You think that we have no reason to be in Afghanistan or Iraq here are just a few that would justify the extermination of these cowards that kill in the name of religion.

September 11, 2001 - Terrorists hijack four U.S. commercial airliners… in a coordinated suicide attack. Casualty estimates from New York put the possible death toll close to 5,000, while as many as 200 people may have been lost at the Pentagon crash site.

Oct. 12, 2000 - A terrorist bomb damages the destroyer USS Cole in the port of Aden, Yemen, killing 17 sailors and injuring 39.

Aug. 7, 1998 - Terrorist bombs destroy the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. In Nairobi, 12 Americans are among the 291 killed, and over 5,000 are wounded, including 6 Americans. In Dar es Salaam, one U.S. citizen is wounded among the 10 killed and 77 injured.

Compiled by CDI Senior Analyst Chris Hellman.

An opinion is great thing, unless you don't have the facts to back it up.

Scott Jungmann
UW-Stout BFA Dec. 1994
U.S. Army Veteran

Mr. Jungmann,

Thank you for writing in with your opinion. Just like Tim Krueger, it is apparent that you feel strongly about this issue.

A few points I'd like to make in response to your letter, which I unfortunately had to shorten to fit our 250-word limit.

Mr. Krueger isn't Pro-Kerry; he's simply for "Anybody but Bush."

Thanks to the well-trained New York Fire and Police Departments, the estimated death toll is 2,752 as of Oct. 10, 2003 according to USA Today.

If the facts are so important to backing up an opinion, which I agree they are, than perhaps you need to double check your facts a bit more next time.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Thanks for helping

I would like to sincerely thank Arthur Kneeland, Krista James and other Menomonie High School Leaders for organizing the Galloway Creek clean up last Saturday.

This is the creek that runs through south of campus by the Don and Nona Williams Stadium. What a mess it was! I was simply amazed by the amount of litter that had made its way to this great little bit of nature in Menomonie (did you know that Wisconsin has more miles of freshwater creeks than anywhere else in the world?).

With a variety of biology student volunteers, Menomonie High Schoolers, and good-hearted citizens, under the leadership of Arthur and Krista, our army hauled out at least 20 bags of garbage, about 4 tires, two bike racks and 4 bikes. Not to mention the countless plastic bags. I found a shoe, myself, among other things.

So, THANK YOU TO ALL THE INVOLVED STUDENTS OF THE GALLOWAY CREEK CLEAN UP, you make UW Stout proud!

Sincerely,

Belinda Lewis
UW-Stout Student &
President
GreenSense Ecology Club

Ms. Lewis,

It is nice to hear that some of the local community pitched in to help clean up the city.

Thank you for helping keep our city in good looking shape.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Now that's English,

It's painfully obvious by Kimberly Hickey's comments in the article regarding "Tickets For Graduation In High Demand" that she is not an English major ..... at least I hope she's not!!

Wayne Novotny
UW-Stout graduate 1979

Just call this guy an agnostic independent



JUSTSENSE
Brian Legg

Never underestimate your ability to affect the lives of those you don't know. I say this because some of my columns have triggered responses from people outside the UW-Stout community.

The latest of these responses was personally sent to me rather than via a letter to the editor, with which I have no problem.

This individual wrote that the college republicans here are, "significantly less than even a mediocre challenge." And as to why, he further noted, "…what do you expect? You're at an art school."

The sender of said e-mail offered to personally travel, if he could bring a friend, to this campus and debate my "fellow democrats" and me.

I'd like to take this opportunity to officially declare my political stance because I've been called everything from an atheist to a self-proclaimed liberal.

An "agnostic independent inclined to agree with those concerned about humanity and the environment," shall I from here on out be addressed. If that's too much, just address me as Brian Legg.

Anyway, the fellow continued by offering 10:2 odds on the proposed debate. That is, he would only need two people to counter a team of my 10 best thinkers. Well anyone who knows me would understand why I was glad to see that my writing inspired this person to cleverly insult me.

Regardless of what transpires from this exchange, I was glad to learn that people I will probably never meet are reading my material.
Next topic.

About this time of the semester, stress levels are at an all-time high. With papers, projects and finals all looming, things may seem as though they couldn't get worse.

I have devised a method for alleviating the pressure associated with this kind of self-important thinking. It came to me while feeling as though I too, would never wade through the river of obligations flowing underfoot.

You and I are just specks of dust on a little rock floating around one of billions of stars in an ever expanding universe of space.

This mode of thinking can be incredibly liberating and help put perspective on things. What we do has little significance in the grand scheme of things, but as I mentioned before, it can have a profound impact on our immediate surroundings. We are blessed with the ability to create, achieve and be free from the burden of carrying the weight of the world.
Next topic.

Be aware of the real players in government today. Outside of the corporate dollar influence there are very real individuals advising the president on policy decisions. One group, the American Enterprise Institute (AEI.org), is a private organization that is contracted with federal dollars to make policy advisements.

Another private company attempting to play a role in public democracy is Diebold Election Systems. You may have seen them on "The Daily Show."

What you should know besides the fact that their e-voting machines are littered with flaws and vulnerabilities is that the CEO of Diebold wrote to George W. Bush stating they are, "committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president next year."

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Hopefully future graduates are not bitter



PARTINGSHOT
Paige Klein

The choice of where a student wants to study during the years of his or her higher education is an important one. When I transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Stout three years ago, I was led to believe that I could begin with a fresh start from the mistakes made during my freshman year. With the abundance of academic and extracurricular opportunities, I took what was presented and excelled in my efforts.

Last April, the Faculty Senate and Stout Student Association reviewed a motion for a new guideline concerning graduation and awarded honors. This guideline was then sent by recommendation from the Educational Activities Committee on April 22, 2003, to be signed by the chancellor. He signed it on June 12, 2003 and the guideline was put into effect in December 2003, less than a month before December graduation.

After raising the bar on cumulative grade point averages (GPA) to receive undergraduate honors, there was another part of that decision that not many students or faculty knew of. According to the online student handbook, "A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 must have been earned in all credits from all institutions attended."

I admit it, upon coming to UW-Stout, I did not have stellar grades. Nevertheless, I worked, studied and did my best to make my last years count. Had the senate not passed those guidelines, I would have graduated Magna Cum Laude. Had they changed only the cumulative standards and not the "all-inclusive" guideline, I still would have graduated with honors. Either way, I am not the only student as affected and disappointed in the decision and how it was communicated to the student body.

According to David Hay, the former SSA President, "An open forum to an SSA meeting, last April, was where students could give their input and receive information regarding the proposed guideline change."

After the open forum, Educational Activities Committee, which is composed of students, faculty and staff, made the recommendation to the chancellor to approve the changes. However, only the students that went to that meeting were informed. Not one student was notified prior to that meeting as to what would be on the agenda.

So a decision was made. Not much input was given by the students. All well, fine and good, but communicate the change in a timely manner to the students it affects! There was no voice for the students simply because they did not know it was happening until it was upon them.

I offer some suggestions for the future "decision-makers" of UW-Stout:

1. If it touches the student's academic life at some point, notify them. A great e-mail system has been established at this technologically advanced university. Use it!

2. During their college career most students learn how to check their grades on AccessStout. If you should be accounting for grades from "all institutions" maybe those grades and GPAs should be posted as well.

3. If nothing else, give the students a grace period, i.e., make a decision retroactive or instill the decision in parts. Example: Raise the cumulative grade point average that determines honors. Then, assess and evaluate whether the change was effective before moving on to the second part of the all-inclusive institution.

4. Remind students where they can find important information at the beginning of each year and that the online student handbook is all they are going to get.

Just because UW-Stout received the Malcolm Baldrige Award in 2002 does not mean that they can just slack off now. Now is the time to be especially sensitive to those graduating seniors, many of which and be contributing alumni and powerful allies for UW-Stout. Do not let them leave with a bitter taste in their mouth.

Living Green Expo



GREENSENSE
Elizabeth Bailey

If you value a simple, healthy life with clean air, water and land, as well as a better world for your children and grandchildren, then this is the event for you.

This coming weekend is the 2004 Living Green Expo at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul. It takes place on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and best of all, it's free!

The Living Green Expo is a collaboration of government agencies, non-profit groups and businesses seeking to promote sustainability products and behaviors in the Midwest. One of the main focuses of the Expo will be on Low Impact Living.

Low Impact Living reduces environmental impact by using a product or service or adopting a behavior that uses less energy, conserves water, is less toxic, contains recycled material, is derived from plants, uses reduced packaging, is rebuilt, reconditioned or reused and is locally, regionally produced.

The weekend will include information on alternative and hybrid cars; residential solar, wind and geothermal energy; green design, recycled and sustainable building materials; organic, sustainable and locally grown foods that are healthy and safe and much more!

There will also be entertainment including visual arts, music, storytelling and fashion. A variety of music will include folk, swing, jazz, ragtime and reggae. All of the artists at the Expo are there to show their support and care for the environment.

Educating ourselves on preservation is essential to maintaining all of the resources we have left. Each day new disturbing research is discovered proving our natural resources are diminishing at a faster rate each year.

Earth Day was a great celebration that reconnected us with nature and helped to remind us what an amazing creation Earth is. Now more than ever we need to keep that awareness about everything we do that has a negative impact on Earth.

Even starting small by using the fundamentals of the recycling cycle that we're all familiar with: reduce, reuse, and recycle. There are so many products available in today's markets that are recyclable and made from post-consumer products.

By making a conscious effort to purchase such products, we will make a difference for future generations to come. I don't think anyone wants to wake up to find a landfill overflowing into his or her backyard someday.

So spread the word about the Living Green Expo, invite your friends and don't forget to carpool.

For directions and more information visit: www.livinggreenexpo.org.

Overgrown 2nd graders



THEDROP
Lindsey Schuldt

What is it about football that is so incredibly luring to the majority of males in North America?

Before I go off on a tangent, let me describe from a female's perspective what the game of football looks like.

There is a ball, some refs, two teams of men and a big field. These men spend two and a half to three hours attempting to pommel one another, catch a ball and run away from the opposing team. Oh, and sometimes one of the men will kick the ball for a change of pace.

It reminds me of second grade games of tag, except being "it" means you have the ball and everyone wants to be "it." It used to be a lot of fun to watch…when I was eight.

So basically, a game of football means a bunch of overgrown second grade males who get paid more each year than some small countries gross in a single year to play tag.

The repercussions of this game are that I lose all of my guy friends for five to six months every year. Each lunch conversation is filled with names of people I don't know and statistics I don't care to know.

What is the obsession?

Even if you, for some odd reason, do actually enjoy the game itself, how do you choose a favorite team much less favorite players?

Guys go crazy to defend their team and the players on that team. They will list off things these players have said and done, the schools they've gone to and their family members, including any hot daughters, wives or sisters. They talk about these players as though they had lunch with them just the other day.

Guys: NEWSFLASH! You have never met any of these players. You do not "know" them, and my bet is you never will.

What's more, I have never seen most of the men I know cry, but if their team loses, their player does bad or you insult the game in general, the lips start quivering like the world as we know it, is about to end.

This is why I feel fair in stating that even though they don't play the game, these avid fans, are also like overgrown second graders themselves, living vicariously through a television set.

I know everyone has to have a hobby. It really shouldn't surprise me that most men have to find one that involves as little thought and as much testosterone as possible.

Through the years, I've suffered through these ups and downs that are very reminiscent of a woman's monthly period except weekly, for six months, in all males. I've learned to sit down, shut up and fake interest in the game or leave the house every Sunday, and on some Mondays.

After all, we all know how stubborn a second grade male can be, and I've given up trying to change or understand his mysterious obsessions. I guess in the end, Curt was right. Boys will be boys.



Lucky Boys Confusion

Best band name the opinions section has heard since Alien Ant Farm.

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Enjoying a pet without the cost

Marta Peters

Once they move out of the dorms, many college students share a common desire: find that perfect companion to run around and keep them company.

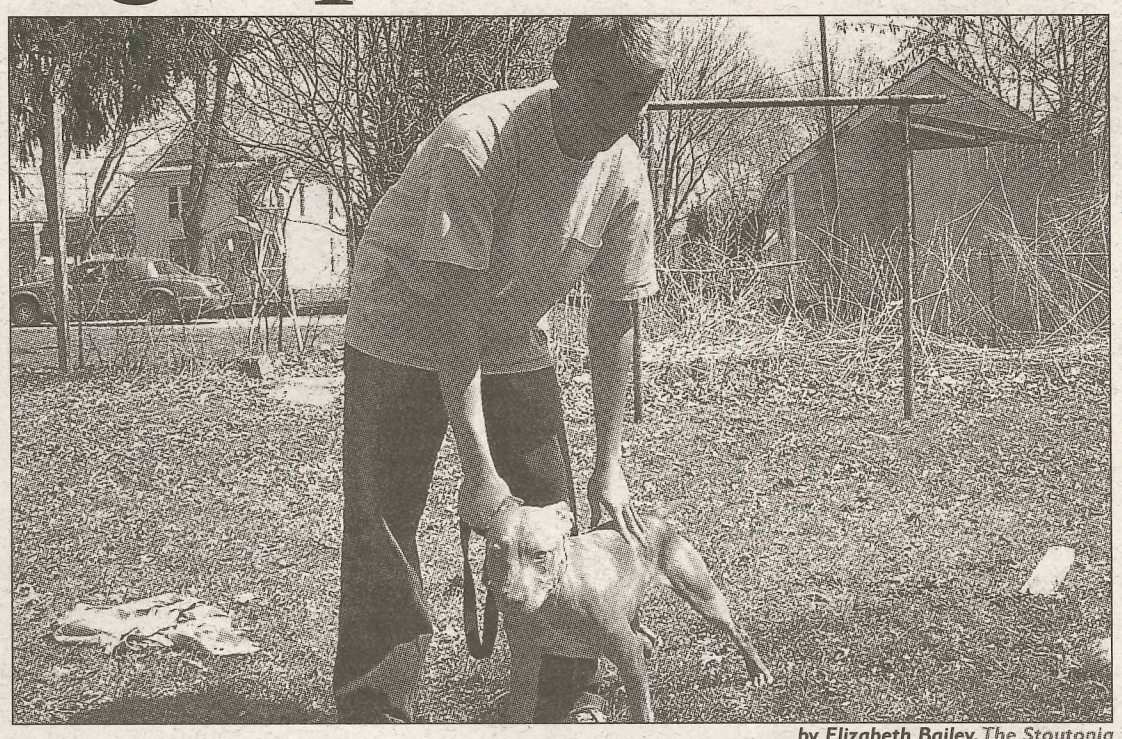
While the thought may seem like a good idea at the moment, it's best to stop and think whether it is in the best interest of both the student and the animal to take on the responsibility of having a pet while in college.

Tammy Hanson, executive director of the Dunn County Humane Society, has mixed feelings on the topic.

"It depends," said Hanson. "Some students are great, and they're responsible enough to care for a pet during college. What we don't like to see is groups of college students adopting one pet because there tends to be no consistency in the care of the animal, which is something that is crucial in having a pet."

In addition to this precaution, one must also realize both the time and cost that is required when a dog or cat is welcomed into the home. Both animals require ample exercise, and if they don't have a large space to run around in, they will need walks and play time with every day.

Also, considering many students are not exactly rich at this point in their lives, the cost of food, veterinarian visits and annual vaccinations begin to add up quickly. According to www. family-pet.com, costs can range from $300 a year for a cat to $700 or more for the maintenance of a dog.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Dan Schwade, a senior in industrial design, chose to own a pet while still in college. Those who want to spend time with animals without owning one can volunteer at the Dunn County Humane Society.

With costs such as these, it is important to realize pets are a long-term commitment, usually living for an average of fifteen years, according to the Humane Society of the United States Web site. This can either be a negative or positive aspect.

It can be great if someone is looking for a companion for life and they can provide ample care and resources, but if they are just starting to become independent, it might be best to wait.

It is also important to consider whether they will have a place to keep their pet during any breaks from school.

For some people, these criteria may show that getting a dog or a cat isn't the right decision for the time being, but that doesn't mean that spending time with these lovable creatures is out of the picture.

The Dunn County Humane Society in Menomonie has plenty of volunteer opportunities for all ages, ranging from taking their shelter dogs on walks, socializing with the animals, keeping the shelter clean, answering phone calls and other maintenance work.

"I really like working with the animals here," said Lauren Halverson, a junior biology major from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. "The best part for me is spending time with them, along with seeing them go to a good home after being here for awhile."

Halverson not only helps with the dirty work, she also is able to give the animals vaccinations and work with their behavior so that they are better equipped both physically and emotionally to go home with a new family.

Billie Carlson, a paid employee at the Dunn County Humane Society, originally volunteered at the shelter and liked it so much she wanted to become a permanent employee. She agrees that the reward of seeing an animal go to a new home is the best aspect of the job.

While working at the humane society has many rewards, it is also a big reality check because workers not only see the good aspects of the job, they also see the awful things.

"The worst part of the job is seeing the abandonment and neglect of animals and seeing peoples' cruelty to animals. Some people will come in and drop off animals and their verbal cruelty is sad to hear," said Carlson.

However, the rewards outweigh these negative elements, and volunteers are always greatly appreciated. In order to participate, volunteers are required to attend an orientation session to become familiar with the care and handling of the animals at the shelter.

Volunteer hours are generally pretty flexible, but the humane society does appreciate volunteers making a commitment of coming in at least four times a month.

Additional information about volunteering your time and adopting pets can be found at http://dchs.petfinder.com. The Dunn County Humane Society is located just outside of Menomonie right off of Hwy. 29 on Brickyard Road.

Chi Lambda's Milk Party breaks stereotypes

Becky Hartung

In the 1970s, Chi Lambda, a social fraternity, was dry. People on campus even referred to the group as the Milk Drinkers.

Last Friday, the fraternity, which was founded in 1956, held its third annual Milk Party in honor of past brothers. The men gave out free milk and cookies to all who stopped by and encouraged new people to join in the festivities: beanbag, horseshoes and mingling.

"We were looking for live calves too, but all the farmers thought their calves were too old because there was an early birthing season," said Brad Stafford, a junior majoring in industrial design and Chi Lambda's public relations director.

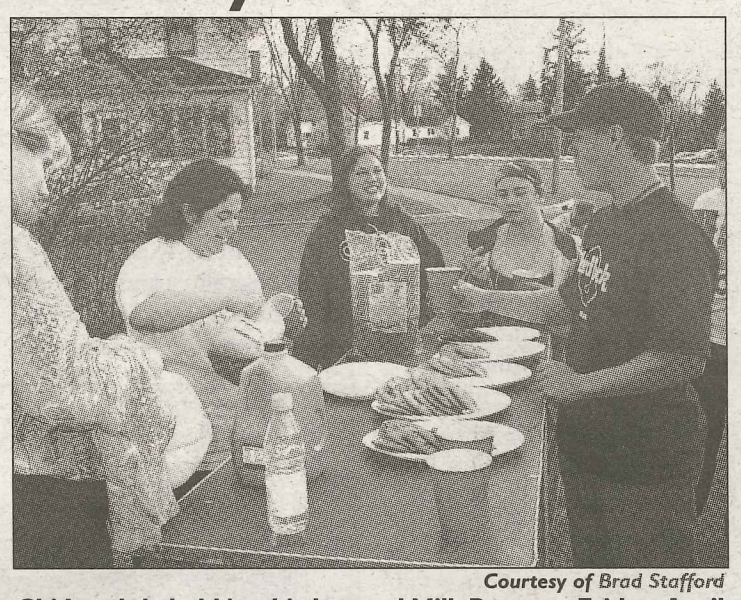
Instead, Chris Fossum, an undecided freshman, volunteered to dress up as a cow. Sporting a spotted shirt with two yellow, rubber gloves taped to the front for udders, Fossusm's outfit moo-ved fashion to a higher level.

"Actually, we played paper, scissors, rock over it and I lost," said Fossum.

Stafford, who is lactose intolerant, was in charge of ordering all the food and beverages. The fraternity ordered 600 half pints from Golden Guernsey in Iowa and dozens of cookies from Sisco.

In addition to University of Wisconsin-Stout staff and students, local families also stopped by to greet the brothers and grab a quick snack.

"This is a great opportunity for people to come out and have a great time without drinking," said Stafford. "We're trying to break the stigma that frats are the ones always throwing house parties."



Courtesy of Brad Stafford

Chi Lambda held its third annual Milk Party on Friday, April 23, at its house located at 1120 Sixth Street in Menomonie.

Trent Lorenz, a junior majoring in business administration and Chi Lambda's president, agrees fraternities are often stereotyped for drinking.

"We play horseshoes and beanbags," he said. "Next year we're putting in a volleyball court."

To add another taste of home, visitors were greeted by the group's new dog, Apollo. Due to a divorce, Apollo lost his home and was adopted by the brothers. Though securely chained, Apollo was glad to give– and receive– attention.

"This is a good cause," said Gina Pipito, a senior majoring in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "It's nice to be involved with a group trying to set a positive example. I'm an Alpha Phi; we always try to support each other's functions."

This year, turnout was not as high as the thirty active members had hoped. Less than 100 showed, whereas hundreds stopped by in previous years. Good natured, Stafford joked that maybe the group would have a cereal party in the morning if there was left over milk.

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Stout Watch



Jennifer Sonnentag - 22
general business
senior

Hometown: Racine, Wis.
Relationship Status: Single

If you were having a dinner party and could invite three people, who would they be?
A New York Firefighter, Benjamin Bratt from "Law and Order" and Kenny Chesney.

What would I find in your refrigerator?
Milk, yogurt, pudding, leftovers and alcohol.

What makes you happy?
Knowing that what I do helps people when they really need help.

What is your favorite children's book?
"The Cat in the Hat."

When do you feel most alone?
At night.

What are you going to do this summer?
Work at Bell Ambulance and Six Flags Great America; go to school.

If someone gave you a million dollars, what would you do with it?
Take a vacation and then build a house.

What is most important to you in life?
Being happy and making sure others around me are happy.

What is your happiest childhood memory?
Camping.



Mike Deziel - 20
service management
sophomore

Hometown: Savage, Minn.
Relationship Status: I have a great girlfriend.

If you were having a dinner party and could invite three people, who would they be?
Burt Reynolds, Chris Farley and Tara Reid.

What would I find in your refrigerator? Flies.

What makes you happy?
Everything, being outside and hanging out with friends.

What is your favorite children's book?
"Everybody Poops."

When do you feel most alone?
Never.

What are you going to do this summer?
Work, barbeque a lot, go fishing and hang out with friends from home.

If someone gave you a million dollars, what would you do with it?
Buy UW-Stout.

What is most important to you in life?
Living every day to the fullest and enjoying every day I have.

What is your happiest childhood memory?
Playing in the woods.

What are you going to do this summer?
Work at Bell Ambulance and Six Flags Great America; go to school.

What is your favorite breakfast cereal?
Lucky Charms.

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

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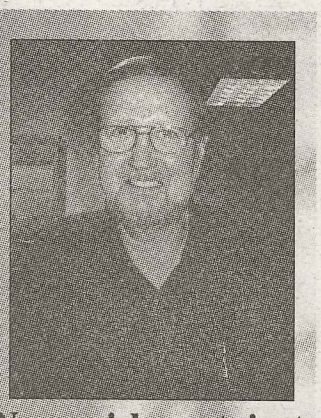
Teacher Edition

What should be the punishment for cell phones ringing in class?



"Public flogging in Bowman Square."

Sheri Nero, Ph.D.
professor
social science

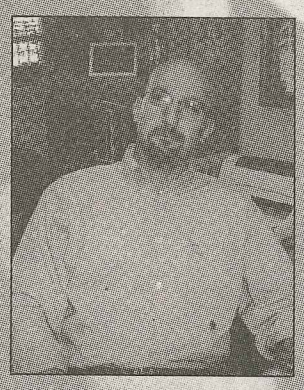


"No punishment, just a good laugh."

Bill Johnson
lecturer
industrial management

"First offense: Stand up and apologize to the class. Second offense: Next test drop a letter grade."

Kirk Mauldin, Ph.D.
assistant professor
social science





"The cell phone never rings when I speak."

Darshan Perusek, Ph.D.
professor
department of English and philosophy

Next Week:

You just graduated, what is your dream job?

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"Learning to appreciate my five senses."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

I have been sick for a week and a half now, and the other day my illness decided to leave me half deaf in one ear. I have been listening to a dreadful ringing noise for the last 36 hours.

As I have been going about my day-to-day business, I realized that every sound comes across completely different in pitch and volume. It got me thinking, as everything does, about how each of our senses affects our everyday life.

I started to pay attention to every little detail of everything around me, and I realized it made me feel more alive. When I told myself not to take advantage of things, I began to not just be, but to feel.

I felt how refreshing the splash of cool water was on my face. I no longer laugh at the women in the facewash commercials.

I smiled at the dull sound of my favorite CD playing in the dorm room next door. Each note was muted, but still recognizable.

I savored the rich flavor of my gooey Caramello bar as the caramel slid over each taste bud.

I closed my eyes and took a big whiff of the warm spring air Wednesday brought us. I swear I could smell the sunshine.

To complete the five senses, I intently stared at people's eyelashes. They are really something we take for granted as just being there, but each set has a different color, length and curve. It is mesmerizing. Just imagine how many particles we'd have floating about in our eyes if not for the protection of our eyelashes.

Many of you may have felt the same thing, maybe with a little chemical help, and would agree it is pretty intense. I would recommend it to anyone - drug free, of course. You don't have to talk about your experience with others, however because I realize I sound pretty crazy.

Insanity aside, all I am proposing is that you not take your senses for granted. They let us experience life. They are what attach us to the world and our existence in a highly personal way.

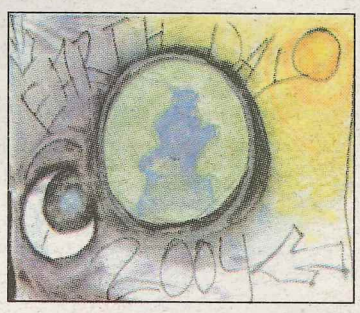
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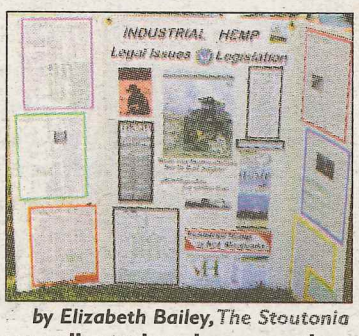
Celebrating with Mother Earth

Elizabeth Bailey









by Elizabeth Bailey, *The Stoutonia*

During the Party for the Planet, a check was presented to the grounds department, garbage was collected and many other events were held. An informational booth was set up to educate students on the environmental and health benefits of hemp.

The clouds parted and the rain halted all for the celebration of Earth Day. The beautiful sunshine helped encourage everyone to stay outdoors and enjoy the festivities.

The Party for the Planet kicked off at noon, with a check presented to the grounds department. The check is a donation that will be used to purchase a new oak tree for the campus. The money came from donations given by students, professors and anyone willing to support the cause.

"People don't realize the effect we have on the environment," said Janelle Fuchs, a senior in dietetics and a GreenSense member. "Today is a good day to sit back and enjoy life, putting burdens aside."

Once the check presentation ceremony concluded, the Party for the Planet officially began. GreenSense members buzzed about eagerly as the activities began. The first papermaking session began as a diverse group of onlookers learned about the process.

The papermaking process was quick and simple. An old blender, a lot of water and a few sheets of recycled paper bits made up the pulp of the paper. Two wooden frames with a screen in between to pour the pulp into were also needed. A tub was placed below the frames to recycle the water poured.

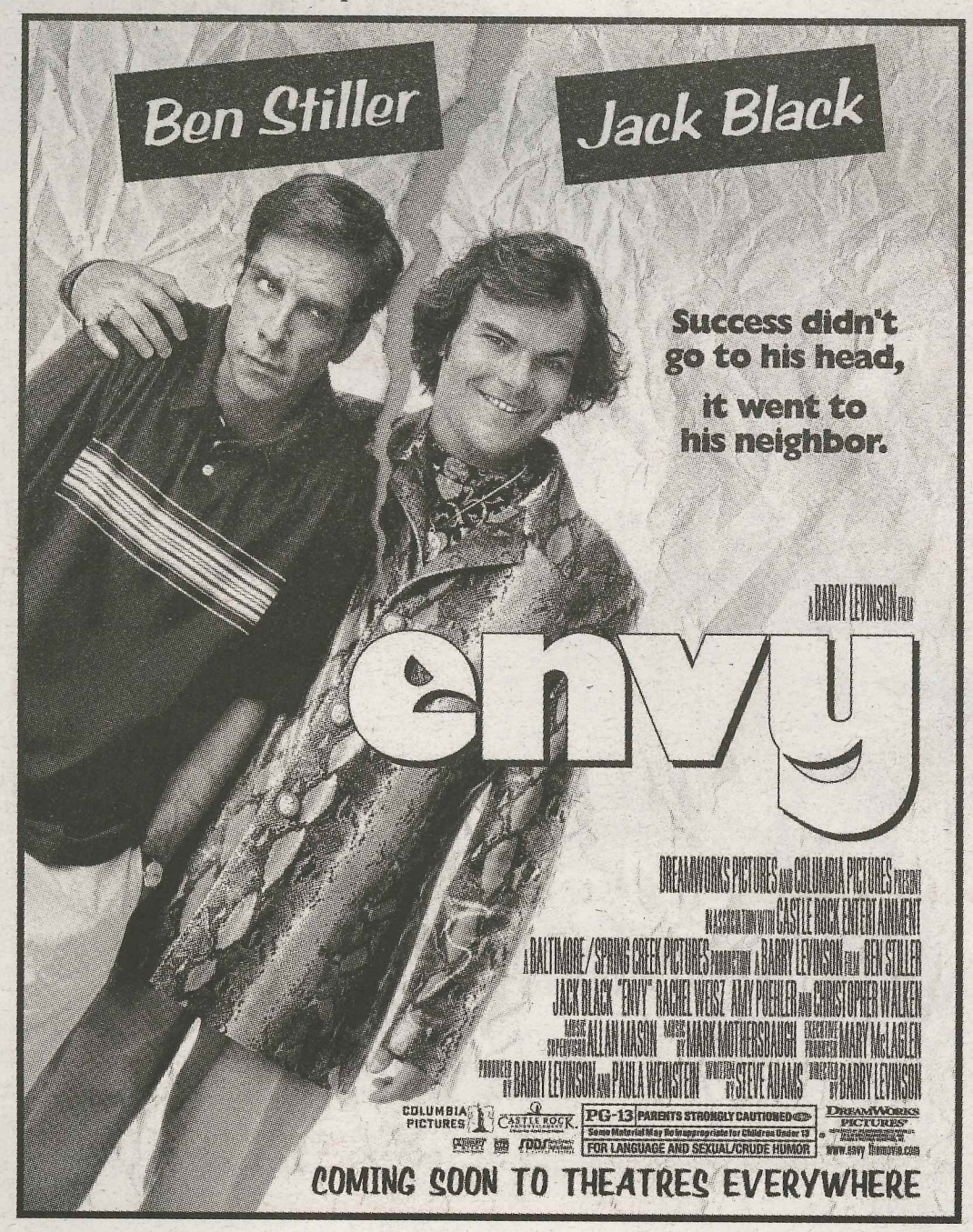
After the pulp was evenly spread within the frame, the students sponged out excess water and transfered the sheet of paper onto another dry surface to lie flat for drying. The drying process is actually what takes the longest. The paper can also be ironed to remove any wrinkles after the drying process.

"The environment is something that affects everyone; you can't say you're not an environmentalist," said Fuchs. "Earth Day is something you can support and enjoy."

Another information booth, displayed by Jillian Clemens, informed viewers of new hemp products and facts. Though these products may prove more expensive, the health benefits are far more important.

"Hemp seed is nutritious and contains more essential fatty acids than any other source, is high in B-vitamins,

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and is a good source of dietary fiber " as stated by the Hemp Industries Association.

From 12 noon until 2 p.m. students willing to support Earth Day cleaned up the campus by collecting garbage in bags provided by GreenSense. In just a short two-hour period, a large mound of rubbish had collected outside the Memorial Student Center. The trash was left there for the remainder of the day, reminding students of how much litter had been collected, in hopes to keep our campus cleaner in the future.

"Earth Day is an important way to let people be aware of natural resources and environmentally aware," said Katie Unertl, an art education sophomore, and a GreenSense member. "Earth Day is a great way to celebrate the planet we live on."

Nearing dinner time, bellies were grumbling as students walked past veggiburgers being grilled for anyone passing by. While enjoying this treat, attendees could relax on the grass to listen to the speaker panel that began at 6 p.m. Local organic farmers and other environmental speakers took the stage to educate about a variety of environmental topics.

The Party for the Planet wrapped up Earth Day's festivities with a performance by band Bahookie Jacobs. Mother Earth kept rockin' with the conclusion of the celebration of her creation.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

A papermaking demonstration was one event held on Earth Day. The process involved blending recycled paper with water, placing the pulp on a screen and draining the water into a tub.

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The 411

April 29
to April 29

Thursday, April 29
>**Michael Hermsmeier,** speaker, Wisconsin Rehabilitation Association, 7 p.m., Vocational Rehabilitation Building's conference room.
>**Open Mic Night,** 8 p.m., Acoustic Cafe.

Friday, April 30
>**Golf Scramble,** 3 p.m. shotgun start, Chippewa Valley Golf Club, $12 for students, $15 for faculty & staff.

Saturday, May 1
>**Gambler's anonymous meeting,** 10 a.m., Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.
>**Menomonie Farmers Market,** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Stout Clock Tower Square.
>**Throw Parties Not Bombs,** 12 p.m. - 3 p.m, South Campus Lawn.

Sunday, May 2
>**Baseball vs. UW-Platteville,** 12 p.m., at home.

Monday, May 3
No events scheduled

Tuesday, May 4
>**Southern Kickin Cajun,** 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Corner III, Home Economics.

Wednesday, May 5
>**All American Backyard BBQ,** 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Corner III, Home Economics.

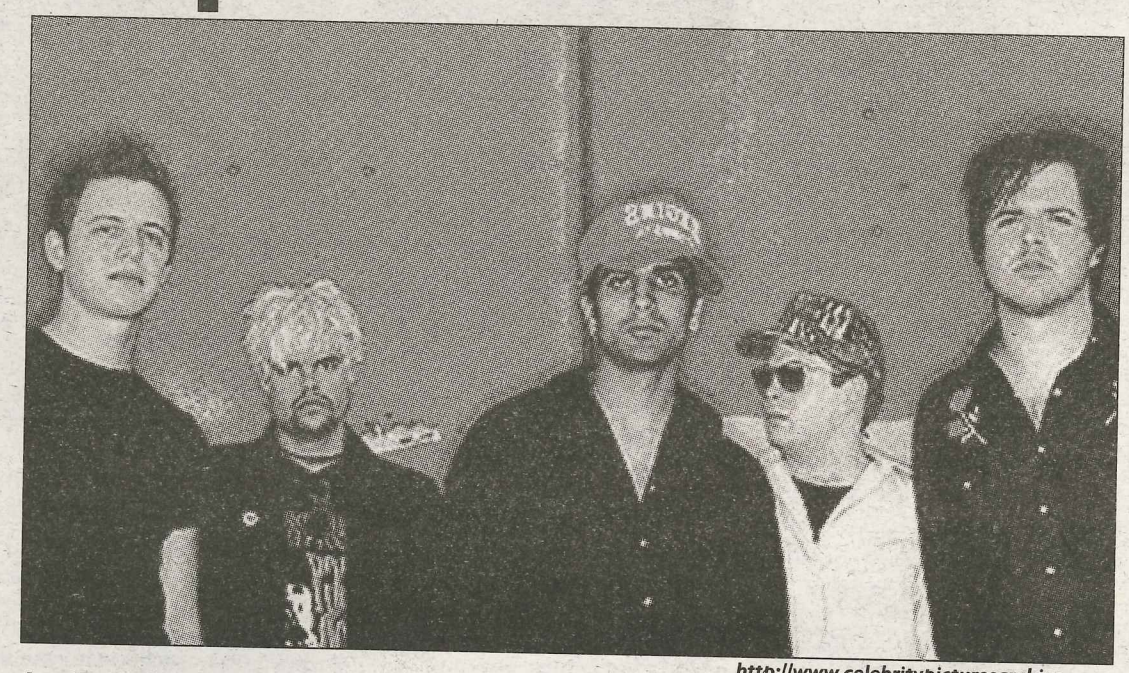
>**Baseball vs. Waldorf College,** 1 p.m., at home.

Thursday, April 29
No events scheduled

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Explosive entertainment



http://www.celebritypicturesarchive.com

Lucky Boys Confusion is the headliner for Blue Devil Production's second annual Throw Parties Not Bombs concert.



MUSICMASTER
Eric Iverson

Are you getting stressed out from end of the year projects, tests and finals? If so, I have the cure for you. Nothing rids you of stress better than some good ol' rock and roll. Come rock your socks off at the second annual Throw Parties Not Bombs this Sat., May 1, on the south lawn of the Memorial Student Center.

From 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., five bands from around the nation will be rockin' out to celebrate the end of the year, thanks to Blue Devil Productions (BDP).

The band coming farthest to play for you is the French Kicks from New York City. On a tour across the nation, with 26 shows in April, the well-practiced band ought to put on a good show with songs from over 10 albums to choose from. The band is considered to be new-wave rock and roll and can be compared to bands like The Vines, The Strokes, Jet, Saves the Day and others. Maxim magazine gave the band 4.5 stars and claimed it has perfect pop restraint.

Coming from the windy city is the pop-punk band Lucky Boys Confusion (LBC). Touring on their new album, *Commitment*, the band is on a nationwide tour playing with bands such as Reel Big Fish, Catch 22, Suburban Legends and Jenoah. LBC began as a high school band and has stuck together to create four unique albums over the last six years. The music can be described as up-tempo rock with hints of ska and reggae.

The Black Eyed Snakes, a blues band from Duluth, will also be performing. This isn't your average B.B. King or Clapton blues band. This band is better described as blues-punk or more precisely, thrash blues. The members all have funky blues names such as Big House, Smokin' Brad, The Doctor and front man, Chicken Bone George. The Black Eyed Snakes just came back from across the pond on a three-week tour in Europe.

In order to get a wide variety of music, BDP recruited Doomtree, a hip-hop group from Minneapolis. Up and coming rapper, Stefon Alexander, or P.O.S., has been in the rock and hip-hop scene since he was 14. Some compare him to Atmosphere and say he will be the next big Master of Ceremonies to come out of Minnesota.

The punk-inspired rap comes from P.O.S., or Product of Society, while he grew up listening to punk bands like Black Flag, Dead Kennedys and Minor Threat.

Last but not least is University of Wisconsin-Stout's Thought Police. This band uses a unique combination of violin, guitar and vocals to create a fresh new sound that falls into the indie rock genre.

Erin Therrien plays the violin while Kelly Ehley strums her guitar; both sing. The band's inspirations include Head of Femur, Pretty Girl Make Graves, Cursive, Death Cab and others, yet their music may sound nothing like them.



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Black Eyed Snake is a blues-punk band from Duluth, Minn. that will be performing at the concert.

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Tiffany Laschinger

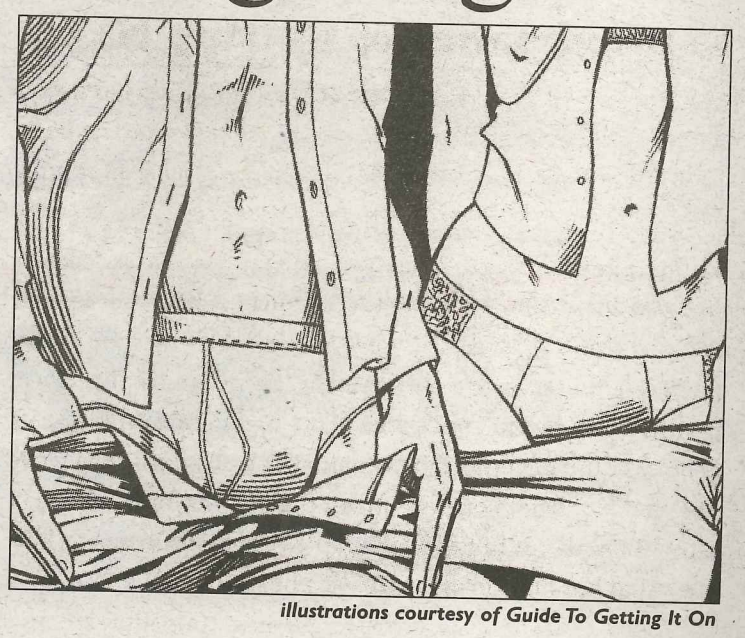
Unless you are on a mission to get a book on sex, most people get a little queasy at the idea of going into the adult section of their bookstore and being caught paging through the "Kama Sutra." But many have a curious need to learn more about this taboo subject.

When The Stoutonia received "Guide to Getting it On" to review, the staff all giggled at the title, but went back to work. Later I found out many were curious about the book's content.

"Guide to Getting it On," is a fourth edition written by Paul Joannides. A whopping 782 pages is devoted to sex, but the author even states that he still ha trouble defining the term.

This is one of the most interesting books I have ever read. Joannides' writing style keeps the reader interested and curious about what he'll

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illustrations courtesy of Guide To Getting It On

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Stoutnic brings our campus together



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Housing and Residence Life held its annual Stoutnic on Thursday, April 22. Students gathered in the lawns between the residence halls on South Campus to have a good meal, play some games and meet new people. The nice weather brought out large crowds of students and the food line reached the street.

"Stoutnic is a wonderful contribution to the halls to show support to the residents," said Emily Weege, a junior in psychology.

Brandon Jutz, a sophomore in marketing and business education and the coordinator of this year's Stoutnic, contacted eight different meteorologists to see if Thursday would be a good day for a picnic. Their predictions turned out to be right on the nose.

This year, hall councils contributed to the planning and execution of Stoutnic, involving more students and many RAs.

"Their decisions are what helped make it happen," said Jutz about involving hall councils.

All the funding for this event was from the Inter-Residence Hall Association (IRHA), the on campus hall government. This provided enough food to feed not only on campus students, but also any off campus students that wanted a barbequed meal.

Not only were there hamburgers and brats to choose from, but Dining Services also offered a vegetarian burger.

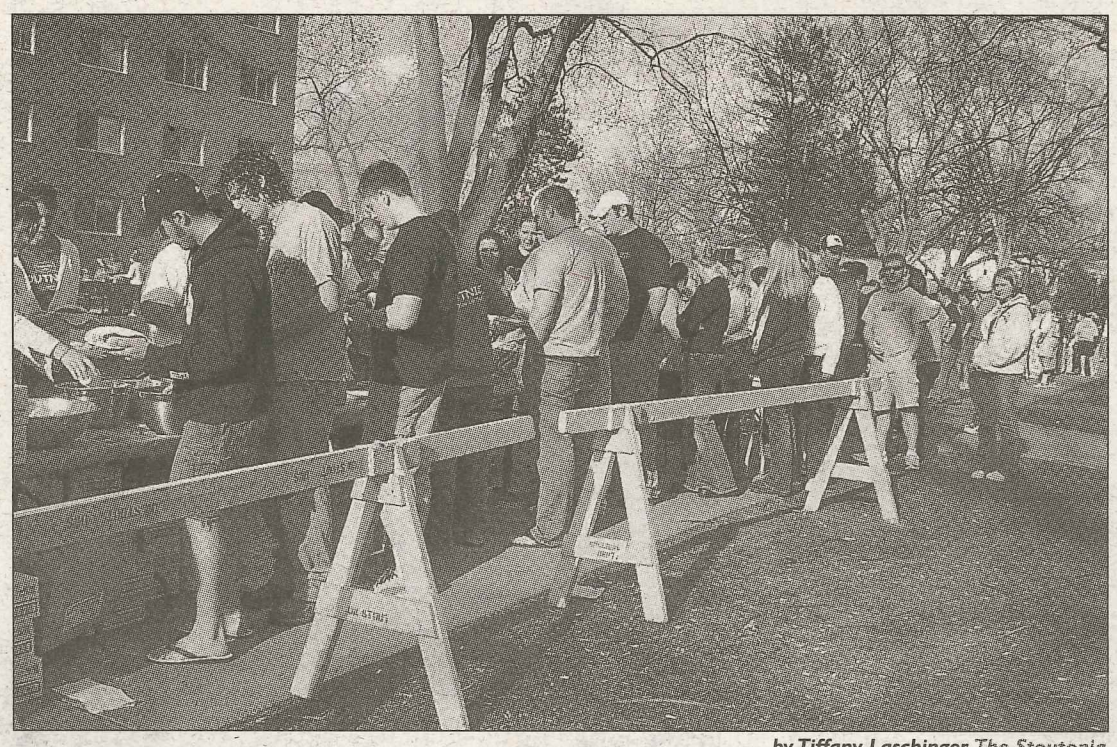
"It is a nice day; you can hang out with friends, listen to music and get free food," said Paul O'Kon, a junior in technical education.

There were three bands entertaining the crowds with their music, including Soma Effect, Self Worth Knowing and the Response. Entertainment wasn't just limited to music; there were also activities like Hollywood Squares put on by the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH).

IRHA also provided funding for the inflatable fun of jousting, human bowling and sumo wrestling.

It was not all fun and games for the staff though, as someone had to clean up the mess left behind. Fortunately for the organizers of Stoutnic, HKMC had their Hall Olympics that week and the last event was to see who could pick up the most garbage. The designated area to clean up was lawn between the dorms, also the area Stoutnic took place.

There was an information booth for students to learn about the changes that will be happening to residence halls on North Campus. Students could get their pictures taken breaking the ground for the new development.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

(above) Students stand in line for a taste of the barbequed burgers, brats and vegiburgers offered for free at Stoutnic. (below) Students enjoyed the the various inflatables at Stoutnic.

Man on fire needs to be extinguished



HAWKEYE
Kyle Kingston

"Who doesn't love Denzel Washington?" I once heard someone ask. Give "Man On Fire" a try, and see how much of him you can stomach.

To be brutally honest, I almost didn't make it to the end credits.

What exactly makes "Man On Fire" a turkey? Basically anything that makes a movie worth watching.

The story concerns itself with a self-destructive assassin (Washington) who is hired by a well-to-do family as a bodyguard for their daughter, Pita (Dakota Fanning). Washington is at first all business, but in his despair, he grows to care for the girl, just in time for her to be kidnapped.

It still takes about six or seven people to pull off the kidnapping, and he kills four of them before they shoot him and leave him for dead.

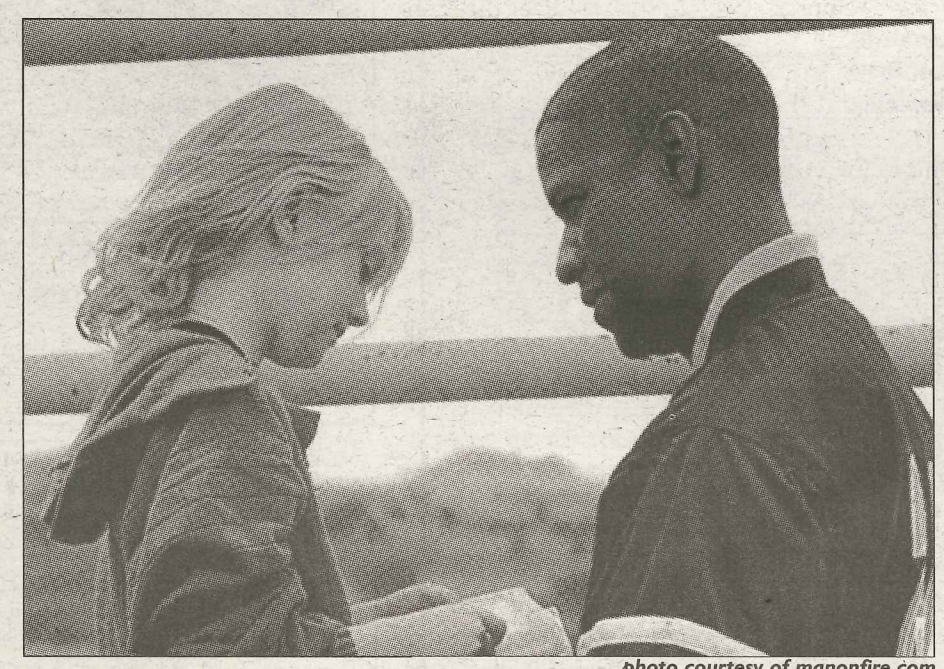


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Pita (Dakota Fanning) is the only real star of the movie, seen here having a tender moment with her bodyguard, played by Denzel Washington.

When he wakes up, he's told that a ransom payment is botched and Pita is likely dead. Washington, as expected, goes on a revenge-spree, killing people in gruesome and unimaginative ways.

The violence gets pretty bad. And while there have been some pretty good movies made about vengeance and the effects of violence, this movie never gets to be about anything more than how steely Washington's eyes can look as he shouts at people he's about to torture or kill.

There's nothing artistic or well done about this. It's just ugly and depressing.

The ending takes twists and turns that are so predictable that it's unintentionally funny. The audience is way ahead of Washington in figuring out that the girl is still alive, if only because no corpse is ever seen.

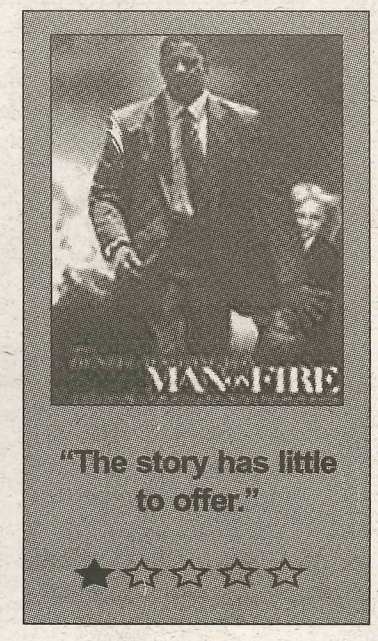
As if knowing how little the story has to offer, the director tries to distract you with every gimmick he can, repeating some elements so often that you could fill a Bingo card with them. These include hyped-up camera angles, animated subtitles and a percussion-based soundtrack that makes you want to kill whoever's banging the drums after the seventh time of listening to it.

Does "Man On Fire" get anything right? Well, the relationship between Washington and Fanning is well-developed. One of the few good decisions made by the director and screenwriter. It makes for some of Washington's only good scenes, before he becomes a walking death-dispenser.

Fanning does a pretty good job playing Pita. She performs like a pro, stealing most of the scenes she appears in and making the first hour of the film better just by her presence. Unfortunately, Fanning can't even begin to save this movie.

Instead of summarizing, I'll say this. The director was also responsible for "Top Gun." I'm sure there's a spot reserved for him in hell.

"Man On Fire" gets a dismal 1 out of 5.



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Sex/ Everything you wondered about and so much more

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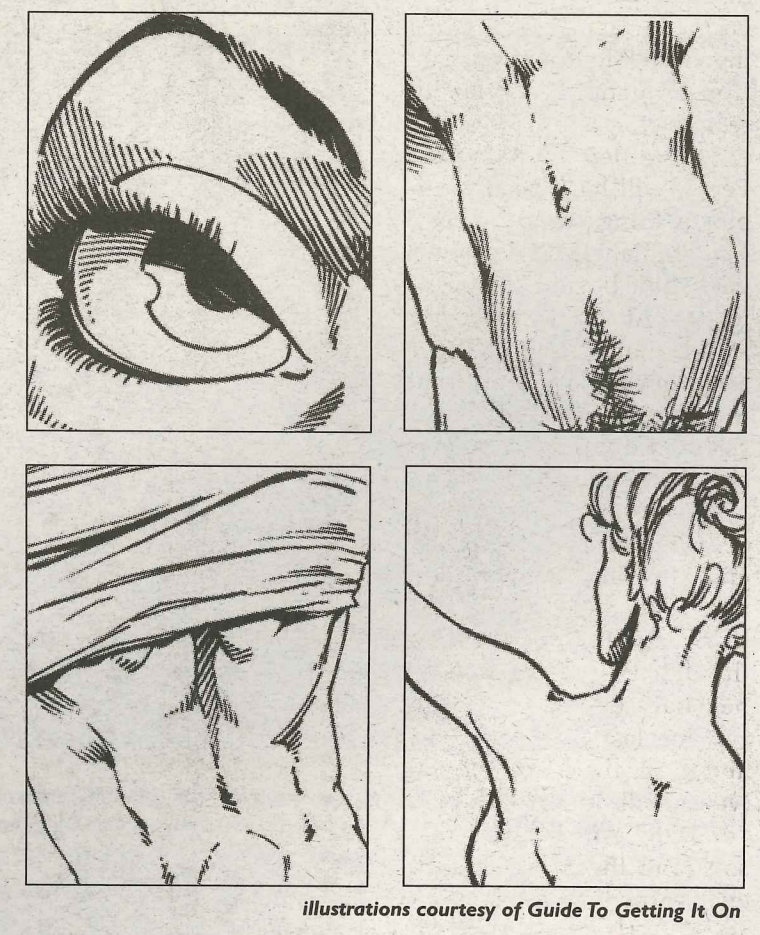
discuss next without being vulgar. He does not use slang to describe body parts, but does address the issue if it comes up. Joannides feels no shame in any topic that deals with sex, but at no point was I ever uncomfortable with his manner.

This book deals with understanding anatomy, but doesn't reflect the staleness of your human biology books. You get a feeling that Joannides is speaking to you in a professional, but personal way.

At times he darts off on crazy tangents, but always wraps up his thoughts in a couple of paragraphs.

Joannides uses books, doctors, specialists, psychologists and everyday people for references. He always includes a source for his topics, which makes you feel that he isn't just an egocentric, self-proclaimed sex-god that just gives tips from his vast sexual encounters. He is an educated man that not only knows the male body, but also the female body.

Joannides is the real-life Mel Gibson who knows what women want. Through his research, he has thoroughly studied the sexual and emotional wants and needs of both men and women, but never forgets to add the disclaimer that not everyone feels a certain way.



illustrations courtesy of Guide To Getting It On

While this book is clearly geared towards the American culture, Joannides also touches on other cultures.

In the beginning he talks about the culture of sex, like how Barbie influenced the sexual and political revolution. There are many interesting facts about the history of sex that is never talked about in other books.

Dildos were invented in the 1800s and the purpose wasn't disguised. It was originally intended to treat hysteria, which was diagnosed in a large percentage of women. Genital massage was a common practice for doctors to do to women. It is fascinating to compare just a couple centuries of sexual practice.

The 58 chapters don't just deal with intercourse, because the author believes that sex is more than penetration. He also addresses topics like pregnancy, birth control, menstruation, STDs, sexual dysfunction, Internet dating, cyber-sex, first time, explaining sex to children and so much more.

Joannides doesn't overlook the emotional side to an intimate relationship. In nearly every chapter, he advises readers to talk about their feelings and insecurities with their partners before trying anything. He remains sensitive to the fact that his topic may cause shock in many readers.

The illustrations in the book are excellently crafted. They attract interest, and many of them are of couples in sexual embraces or in sexual positions. There are also detailed illustrations of genitals, but none are of a perverse nature, rather they are quite non-sexual.



ATTENTION Students with iBooks and Compaq 600 Laptops

e-Scholar Program Update: Refresh Fall 04

Students will return University **iBooks** or **Compaq 600** laptops and accessories when classes begin this fall and receive the new laptop and accessories. The Refresh will take place in the Great Hall, Memorial Student Center. Failure to turn in the laptops on time could result in a large fine and/or hold on your records. Please check your UW-Stout email account throughout the spring and summer for further information.

Refresh Schedule

Day	Students with last name beginning:	Time
Wednesday, September 1, 2004	A	12 noon- 2 p.m.
	B	2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
	T,U,V, W	4 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Thursday, September 2, 2004	C	8 a.m. -10 a.m.
	D	10 a.m. — 12 noon
	E	12 noon- 2 p.m.
	F	2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
	G	4 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Friday, September 3, 2004	H	8 a.m. -10 a.m.
	I, J	10 a.m. — 12 noon
	K and L	12 noon- 2 p.m.
	O	2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Tuesday, September 7, 2004	P, Q	8 a.m. -10 a.m.
	R	10 a.m. — 12 noon
	S	12 noon- 2 p.m.
	M	2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
	N	4 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Remember to Back up your data!
Students will be responsible for backing up the data on the laptops. Back up assistance will be available in a variety of locations this fall in support of the Refresh program.

Participating in Study Abroad or a Coop experience next Fall?
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Laptop Needs Repair?
Please bring laptops to the Help Desk for repair this spring or summer before it needs to be turned in for Refresh. More info will come about potential incentives for having your laptop repaired this summer.

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Saying good-bye to 'Friends' and more



THE DROP
Lindsey Schuldt

When you graduated from high school, there were those songs that would forever remind you of the people you had grown up with and the things you did together that final year. For all of the college graduates this year, it is not the music but the television shows that are graduating off the air that will always remind seniors of their crazy college days.

This year there are three different shows that are gracing graduates and a nation with their sweet good-byes.

Starting off the round up is "Sex in the City," which ended its near six-year run on HBO back in February. It appears that the sexy life was just too much for star Sarah Jessica Parker after the birth of her first child a year ago.

It was mainly Parker's decision to take the show off the air, and devastating as it may be to the show's crazed women fans, there is only so much casual sex and shoe buying five single and aging women in New York can do.

"Sex in the City" won an Emmy in 2001 for Outstanding Comedy Series and captured the love of fans with a tell-all show that captured the raw ideas and thoughts of brash young women living in the Big Apple.

Meanwhile, a nation has been captivated by watching six "Friends" discovering life and love with one another for the past ten years. In one week we will be watching "Friends" say good-bye to all of the crazy antics millions have come to adore.



photos courtesy of http://www. nbc.com/friends/
Ross, Joey, Rachel and Phoebe try to get in late to Thanksgiving at Monica and Chandler's.

It's sad to think that Phoebe (Lisa Kudrow) will no longer be singing about smelly cats, Rachel (Jennifer Aniston) will never find another new lover, and we won't see new ways in which Monica (Courtney Cox-Arquette) is anally retentive.

Chandler (Mathew Perry) will have finally run out of things to say, Joey (Matt LaBlanc) will no longer get to hide behind coat racks to avoid his one-night stands and Ross (David Schwimmer) will not have the opportunity to get married and divorced on television a fourth time.

Everyone has their favorite "Friends" memory, and knowing the television networks, they will be able to live off of those memories through the reruns for the next half century.

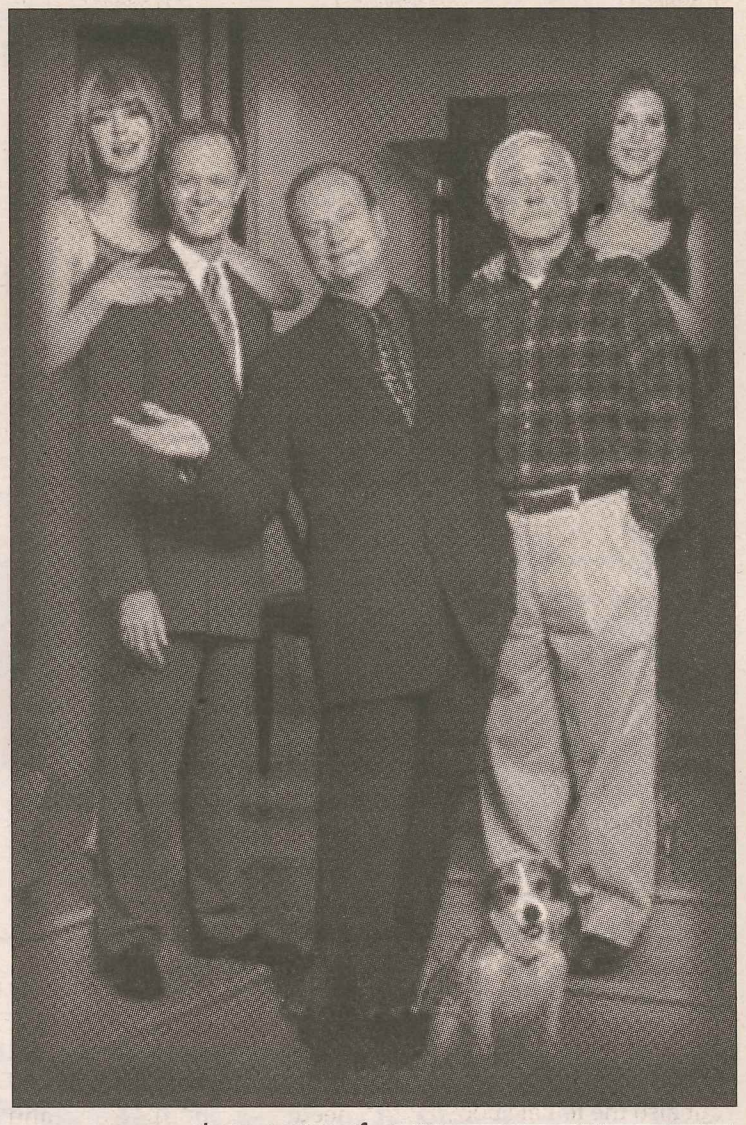
The last finale to come about in the next several weeks will be that of NBC's "Fraiser." After eleven seasons and the most Emmy's ever earned by a television series, 31, the cast of "Frasier" is getting ready to say good-bye.

The show earned the title of Outstanding Comedy Series five consecutive years, being the first and only series to ever achieve such an honor.

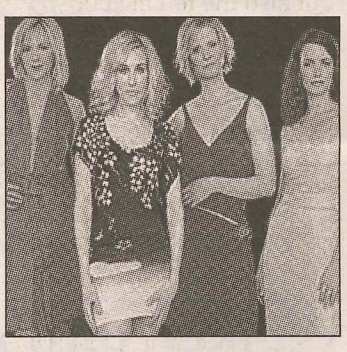
Not only has this show been one of the most critically acclaimed in history, the main character, Frasier (Kelsey Grammer), has tied the record for the longest running character on television.

The character of Frasier first appeared on television screens across America 20 years ago on the television series, "Cheers."

These shows will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who walk across the stage this spring to get their diplomas, as well as by the rest of the dedicated viewers.



photos courtesy of http://www.nbc.com/frasier http://www.tv.yahoo.com
(above) The cast of Frasier takes one of their last pictures together before the finale airs May13. (right) Sex in the City aired it's last episode in February. It will apear in syndication on TBS.



It might be good to wave good-bye now though, so students can realize beforehand that there is more to the real world than sitting in a coffee shop and talking to friends.

Indeed, saying good-bye to sex, friends and a trusty therapist is going to be one of the hardest parts of leaving college and entering the real world.

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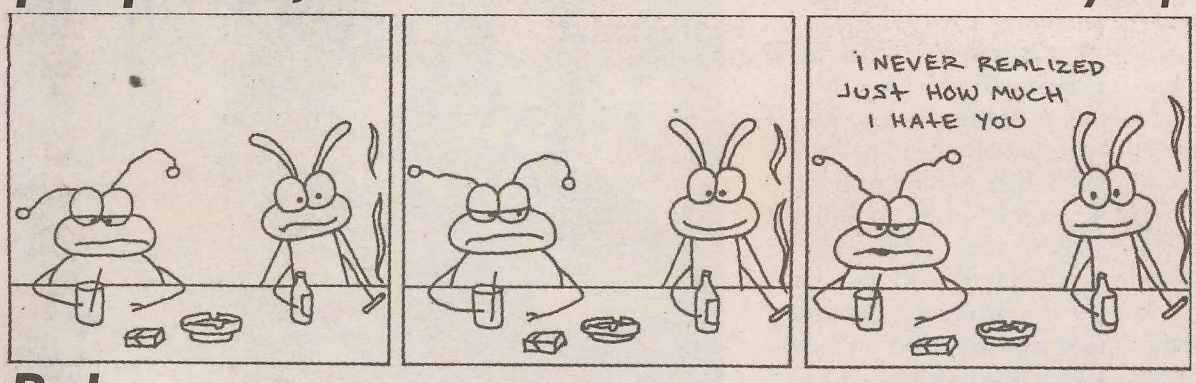
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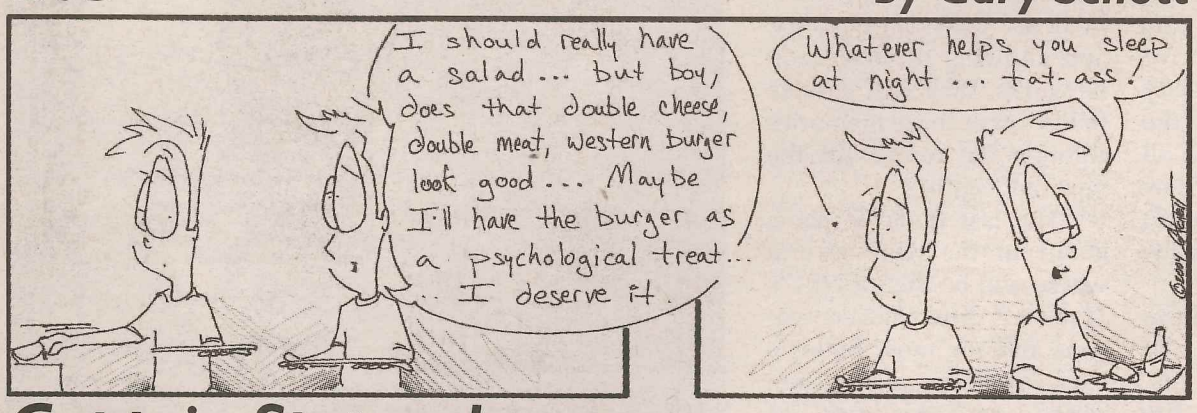
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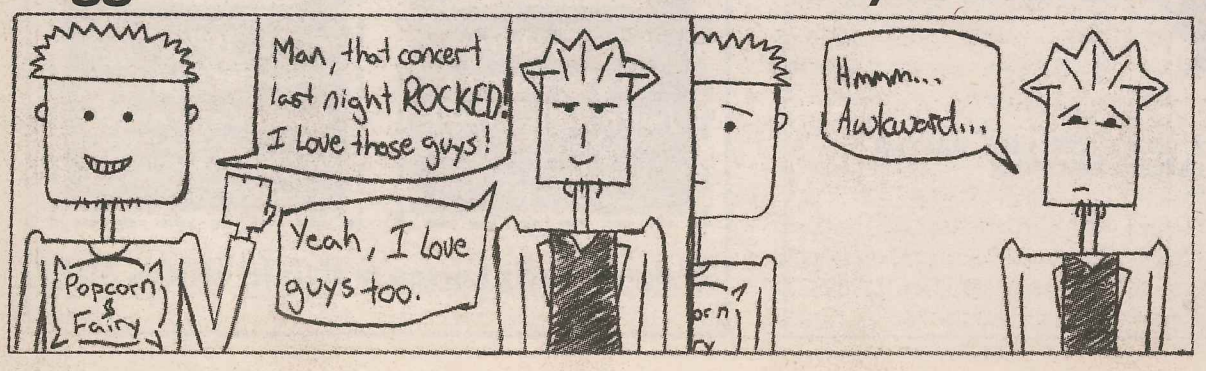
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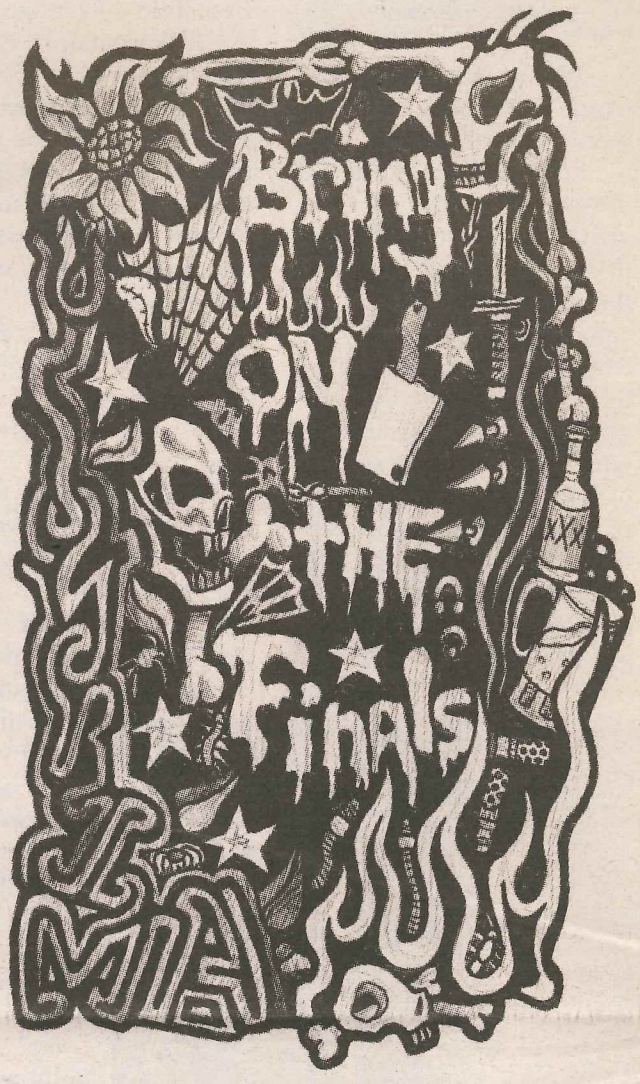


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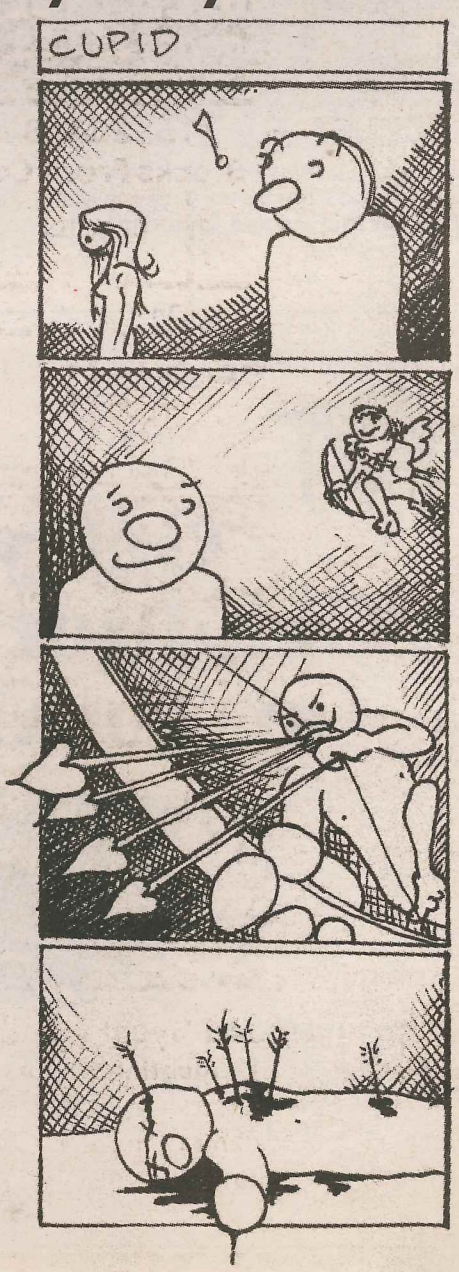
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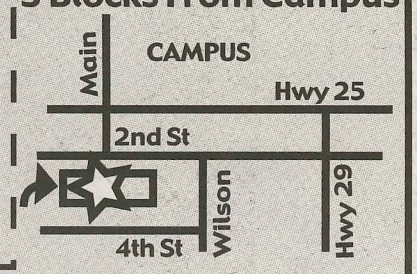
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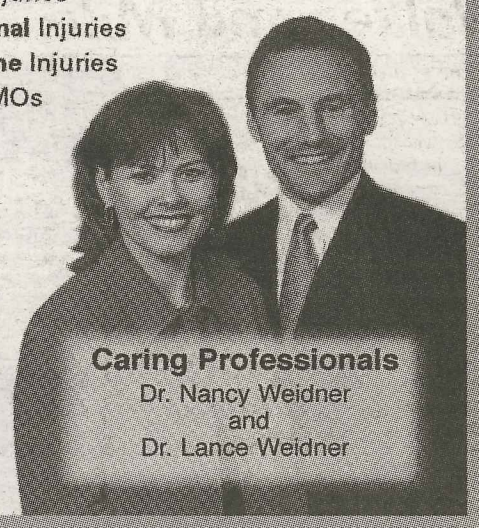


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NFC north draft pick analysis



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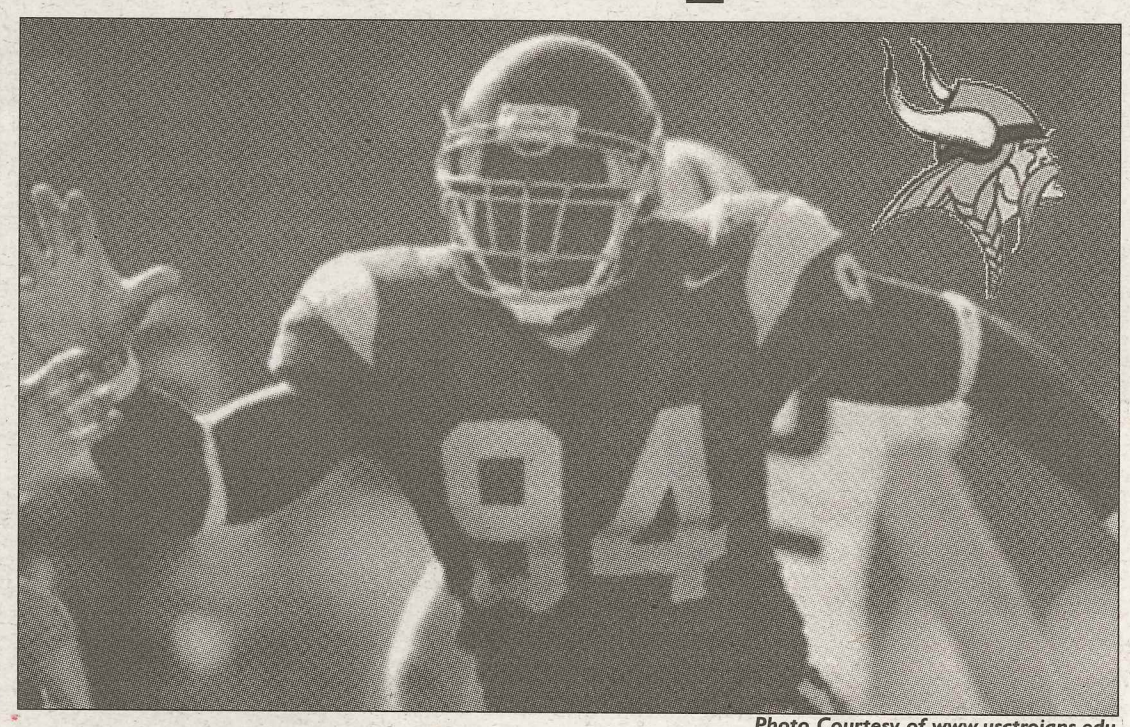


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Kenechi Udeze was the Vikings top pick in the 2004 draft. He was a key player for the University of Southern California and could be a valuable asset to the Vikings.

After an 82-day break, there was NFL on TV.

Saturday saw the first three rounds of the 69th annual NFL draft, where NFL teams draft college players.

In order to get the best pick in the draft, you have to be the worst team in the league. Not that hard for the San Diego Chargers, who have had the first pick far too often.

The Chargers draft bad QBs (Ryan Leaf, Drew Brees) like no other team can, and they passed on the one sure bet (Michael Vick).

It was no wonder that the Mannings didn't want their little boy Eli to go to San Diego.

I don't agree with how they got around it, but enough about that. Onto the NFC North to see how the local teams faired in this year's draft.

Green Bay Packers

I chose to list the Packers first not because it had a better draft than anyone else, but simply because this is a Wisconsin school, even if half of the students are from Minnesota.

For the second year in a row Green Bay was looking at getting a QB of the future, and for the second year in a row the team couldn't pass up the chance to draft a great defensive player.

With the 25th pick, the Pack selected Ahmad Rashad. No, I'm kidding. It took Ahmad Carroll, a cornerback from Arkansas.

Without a second round pick, Green Bay fans had to wait a long time before the Pack made another pick in the third round, but the grass and cheese colored team traded to get three picks in that third round and made some great choices to the tune of another cornerback, a defensive tackle and a punter.

These picks provide depth and fill some of the holes the team had to address.

Last year's punter, Josh Bidwell, jumped ship so the pick of B.J. Sander of Ohio State made sense, and the extra corner and defensive tackle will shore up the defense on the whole.

Grade: B

You might be thinking, "Why is this guy grading the NFL draft?" Because I show up for The Stoutonia meetings and asked to do this article. Yup. It's that simple.

Minnesota Vikings

"The Minnesota Vikings are on the clock," ESPN's Trey Wingo said.

"TURN IN YOUR PICK," I screamed at my TV.

The Vikings then proceeded to trade down. I will go bald long before I should, because I am loyal to the Vikings.

It all turned out fine though, when Miami swaped picks with the Vikes to grab offensive lineman Veron Carey that Miami had wanted all along.

Then the Vikings let a couple minutes tick off the clock and, for the first time in two years, turned in its pick on time.

Wisconsin actually felt a breeze as all of Minnesota breathed a sigh of relief.

Minnesota drafted defensive end Kenechi Udeze from National Champion USC.

It was common knowledge that it would take a miracle for the Vikings to get a starter for defensive end with the 19th pick, but the football gods are probably feeling sorry for Minnesota after they lost out on a trip to the playoffs last year.

Side note: I hope all you Packer Backers remembered to write the Denver Broncos thanking them for not showing up for that last game of the season.

The Purple, because it is a choke team, took a linebacker, who will be a starter, in the second round and then drafted another defensive end in the third plus an offensive tackle in the fourth round.

All-in-all it was a very good draft for the Vikes, if for no other reason than Udeze dropped to them.

Grade: B+

Detroit Lions

The Lions had no running backs and very few targets for its kid quarterback Joey Harrington to throw to. Well the team does now.

Texas wide receiver Roy Williams and Virginia Tech running back Kevin Jones are two first round-picks that should have an impact this year. And to think Matt Millen was a nose hair away from being fired. Then again, have you seen the size of Matt Millen's nose?

Grade: A-

Chicago Bears

Da Bears needed to replace its starting defensive tackles. So it happened.

With their first and second-round picks, the Bears drafted two defensive tackles, Tommie Harris of Oklahoma and Terry Johnson of Washington, whom new head coach Lovie Smith will put to good use.

Grade: B+

Overall, the Lions and the Bears had great drafts, which will make the battle for the NFC north a toss up for the first time in years.

Both the Lions and Bears will give the Pack and Vikes a run for their money in each division game this season, if they utilize their draft picks.

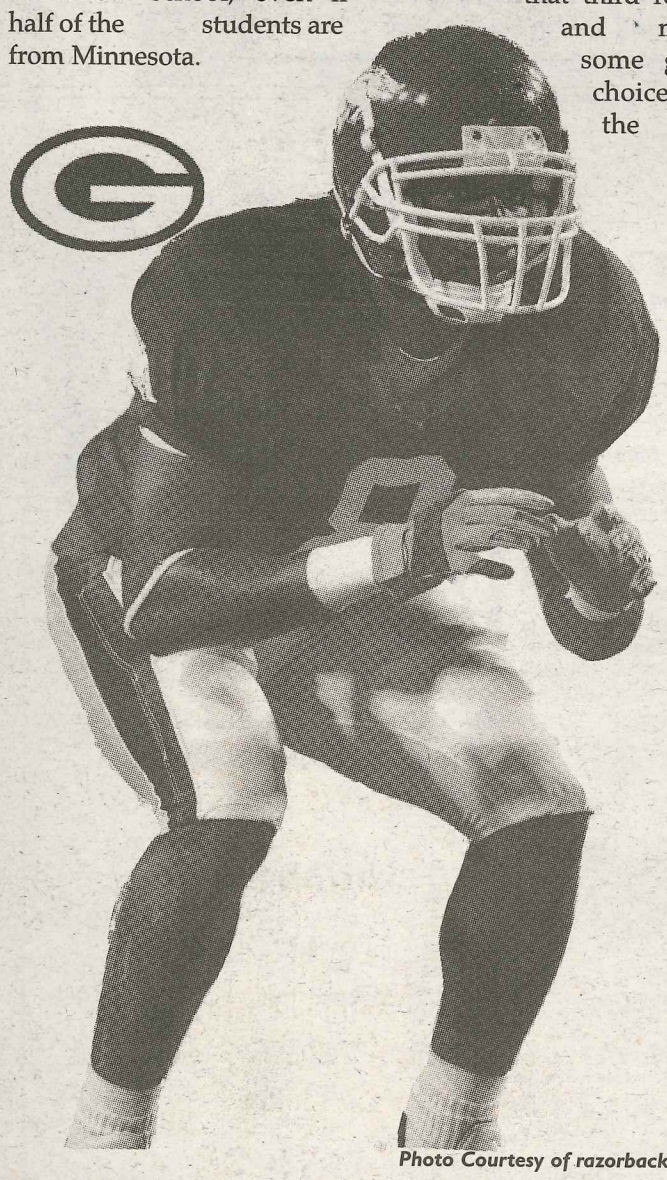


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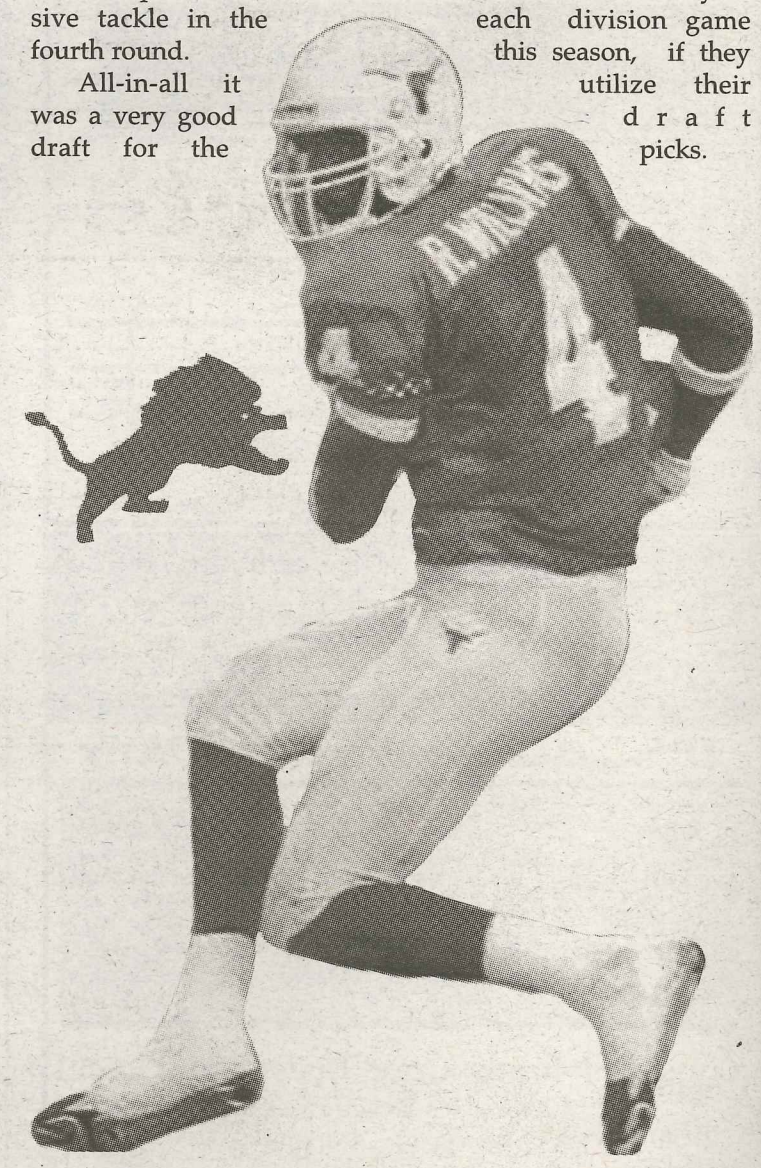


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Ahmad Carroll (left) and Roy Williams (right) will be the newest additions to the Lions and Packers this season. The Vikings picked up Kenechi Udeze (above). The 2004 draft went well for all the teams in the NFC north division, and the competition well be tougher than ever before.

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Honoring the Blue Devil seniors

Ryan Wessley

Senior Kim Caswell, who leads the team with a .343 batting average, has been named outstanding senior for the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils softball team.

Caswell also leads the team in triples with four, has knocked out four homeruns with 18 RBIs and is the team leader in stolen bases with 15.

Caswell has grown into one of the elite players of the WIAC.

She was named to the WIAC All-Conference and to the NCAA All-Regional team last season.

UW-Stout has recognized Caswell as being an integral part in assisting the Blue Devil's program to reach the top of the conference ladder.

She leads the team on and off the field, and has been named team captain for the past two seasons.

Last season, during her play as a Blue Devil, Caswell achieved numerous goals, such as being named to Great Lakes all-region third team plus an honorable mention all-conference.

By starting in all 37 games last season, she led the team in hits, at-bats and in stolen bases.

"Kim has made a huge impact on the level of play we expect here at UW-Stout, said head coach Chris Stainer. "Her cleats will be extremely hard to fill next year."

Losing a key leader for one of the top teams in the conference will be a challenge for Stainer and the Blue Devils next season.

With the exceptional play of Caswell and others on the UW-Stout team, the Blue Devils have had a season filled with success.

Caswell is more than a talented athlete. She currently is majoring in art education at UW-Stout and will be graduating next year.

She has a passion for the arts and wants to entertain others with the appreciation of the arts.

Caswell also inspires other athletes by giving back to the community; she is a coach for summer fast pitch teams and little leagues back in her hometown of Stanley, Wis.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Kim Caswell is a team leader on and off the field for the UW-Stout softball team.

Rugby /Starting out the season

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team tied the Univesity of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in number of wins for a chance to play in the semi-finals.

The team lost the tie breaker by one try, which is similar to a touchdown in football, except the players have to actually touch the ball to the ground in the try-zone.

The women's next game will be held on Fri., April 30 at 6 p.m. on the multi-purpose Field against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. They encourage fans to come out and support the team.

Also, anyone interested in playing should attend the game and see what rugby is all about.

"The rugby club is a great way to get involved, stay in shape and make life-long friends," said Hackenmueller.

Anyone is welcome to join the team at anytime and no experience is necessary. Practices are held Tuesday through Thursday nights on the multi-purpose field from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Players are not required to attend every practice.

The team prefers to keep a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

"Learning rugby was a bit intimidating at first, but the team was really supportive and helpful," said Tuttle. "It starts to come naturally after a few practices."

In anyone is interested in playing Jen Sheffer at 233-9915.

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Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

Dave Huber
Track & Field

Dave Huber proved to everyone who attended the Macalester Bolstorff Twilight Open that he was the fastest runner in the 10,000-meter run.

Not only was he the fastest, but he put all seven of his opponents a lap down as he cruised to a finishing time of 32 minutes, 3 seconds.

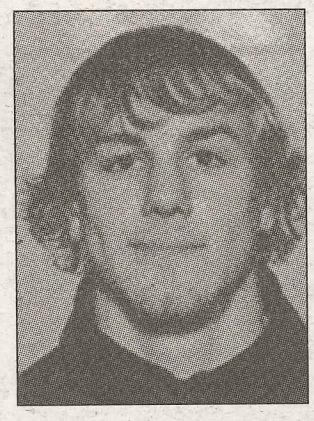
He completed the run more than two minutes ahead of the second place finisher.

Huber was one of four Blue Devils to bring home a first place in the open.

The team will be competing in the WIAC qualifier this Friday at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

The Facts:
senior
Mendota Heights, Minn.
telecommunications/business

Won the 10,000-meter relay by over two minutes.



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Running out of time

Wesley Simonis

With only a few games left in the season, the University of Wisconsin-Stout softball team has found itself in a heated battle to prove it's number one in the conference.

The Blue Devils missed the regular season conference title placing second, but are looking to prove that it's the best when the team travels to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls to take on the rest of the WIAC in this weekend's conference tournament.

UW-Stout made a statement early on in the season by starting out winning eight out of 10 games.

The team never let the pressure off as it continued to show the other teams in the nation and the WIAC that UW-Stout meant business.

In the first WIAC cluster tournament, the Blue Devils dominated its opponents by out scoring them 36-6.

The team went a perfect 4-0 and found themselves in the driver's seat of the WIAC for the first time.

"I'm extremely proud of how the team has performed this season," said head coach Chris Stainer. "It reflects the work ethic that the girls have."



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

The UW-Stout softball team will be playing in the conference tournament in River Falls this weekend. The team is looking to finish on top after just missing the WIAC season title.

However, the team began to slide after the first tournament by losing two games to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and dropping two games in the second cluster tournament to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Luckily, adverse weather pushed back the second day of the tournament and the Blue Devils got a chance to catch their breath.

"We let the pressure get to us a little bit and we made mistakes that we usually don't," said Stainer. "The rain delay helped us reflect on what we had to do to win."

UW-Stout went on to win two games on the second day to finish the second cluster tournament at 2-2.

The four-game losing streak caused UW-Stout to miss the conference title, but the Blue Devils still hold a number two seed for the WIAC tournament this weekend.

"Every day you have to earn your win in this confrence," said Stainer. "If we maintain our defense and stay agressive at the plate, I'm confident we can keep winning games."

Women's rugby kicks off spring

Amy Stoegbauer

The women's rugby team recently held its first annual alumni game on Sat., April 24.

The team has been in existence for six years, which has given the alumni team a chance to form.

Although the current team was defeated the alumni team, everyone involved had a good time.

Following the game, the teams set up an event just for fun: the prom dress game.

Each player wore an old prom dress and played a game of rugby. The result was lots of fun and torn dresses.

"It was fun to see all of the alumni and to meet the older players," said Liz Tuttle, a freshman in packaging. "The prom dress game was hilarious."

Currently, the team is finishing its spring season, which had also been the learning season.

Spring gives all the new players a chance to become acquainted with the game.

The team enters as many tournaments as it can in order to gain more experience. This year has also brought an unusually high number of new players.

"This season has been quite an adventure for us," said Pam Hackenmueller, team president. "We have a lot of potential to advance next year because of all the new talent."

The spring season started with one of the muddiest games they have ever played, in the Green Bay Tournament, on March 27. While the weather did not cooperate, everyone had fun getting dirty in the mud.

The team left the tournament with a tie against UW-Green Bay and a loss to UW-La Crosse.

The team then traveled to Platteville on April 3, for its annual Mudfest Tournament, where the men's team also played.

The women won their first game against UW-Whitewater, and lost the next round to UW-Eau Claire. The

*please see **Rugby**, page 19*



Photo Courtesy of Sarah Roth, Women's Rugby Club

The women's rugby team kicked off its spring season with an alumni game and a tournament in Green Bay. The team looks forward to a season full of recruitment and fun.

BLUE Scoreboard DEVIL

Baseball

Stout	Platteville
Game 1	
6	7
Game 2	
10	9



Next Game: Friday, April 30 at St. Thomas

Softball

2-2 in second WIAC cluster tournament

26-14 overall

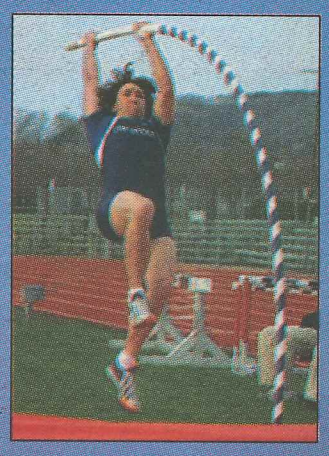
Next Game: Conference Tournament Friday, April 30 at La Crosse

Track & Field

Women: 5th at La Crosse Classic

Men: Four Champs at Macalester open

Next Meet: WIAC Qualifier



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"Shrek 2" premiers May 21 and promises fun with new charachters and crazy antics of the loveable of Shrek and Donkey.

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The newspaper by the students for the University of Wisconsin-Stout community

Farewell, grads

890 students to graduate from UW-Stout on May 8th

Amanda Herr

On Saturday, approximately 890 students will graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The UW-Stout Alumni Association hosted a reception Wednesday evening to honor the graduates and explain what the alumni office can do for graduates.

Christa Williams, a 2002 construction graduate and member of the alumni association's board of directors, spoke about the alumni office's services, including employment resources.

UW-Stout administrators were also in attendance and offered some parting words to the graduates.



Bennett



Larson



McKinney



Pilon

"You're obviously intelligent because you came to Stout," said John Murphy, dean of the college of arts and sciences. "I'm very proud of you. You're why we're here."

Bob Meyer, dean of the college of technology, engineering and management, encouraged graduates to keep in touch with the university and share their employment experiences. He said that helps the university develop curriculum and advisory boards to help students succeed in the workforce.

"Time goes by quick," said John Wesolek, dean of the college of human development. "Cherish it. Relish it."

Wesolek also said that while graduates may leave the UW-Stout campus, UW-Stout never leaves them.

"You're all 'Stouties' now, whether you like it or not," Wesolek said.

Scott McKinney is a senior graduating from the applied mathemetics and computer science major with a concentration in actuarial science and a minor in mathematics.

"I haven't been getting any phone calls," McKinney said when asked about his job prospects. But McKinney admits he didn't put his resume out until this semester. He is also restricted to work in the Milwaukee area.

During his five years at UW-Stout, McKinney was involved in many residence hall activities, including being a resident advisor (RA) and floor representative on hall council. He was also in the University Honors Program (UHP).

McKinney's favorite aspects of UW-Stout include the small class sizes, direct access to professors, textbook rental and the career services office, which he plans to utilize more after graduation.

Adela "De" Larson is graduating with a general business administration degree, a technical component in international business and minors in speech communication and applied foreign language (French and Spanish).

Larson has been at UW-Stout for seven years and spent three semesters studying abroad.

"Seven years is too long," Larson said of her career at UW-Stout.

Because of Larson's time spent overseas, most of her job prospects are in Europe. She wants to work this summer in the Twin Cities and then move to Europe to work in good governance -- helping countries achieve peace and stability.

While at UW-Stout, Larson was an RA and was involved with hall government, the Black Student Union, women's rugby, Lutheran ministry, wrestling club and freshmen orientation. But those were only the activities she can remember after being at UW-Stout for nearly a decade.

"Many people do not realize that today is truly an international world," Larson said. "Any exposure to other cultures or languages will greatly enhance a business student's job opportunities."

Larson also said that while it may seem like there are many problems on the UW-Stout campus, problems are worse at other universities.

Troy Bennett is a fourth-year senior graduating from the telecommunication systems program with a minor in business administration.

As a student in the telecommunications department, Bennett enjoyed its casual atmosphere, but believes the program was poorly set up.

"Almost anybody could get through it," Bennett said.

Collette Pilon is a senior graduating with a degree in psychology. Her greatest lessons, however, didn't come from the classroom.

"My job at Stout Adventures was the best education I received at Stout," said Pilon.

Pilon is going to Thailand for a month and hopes to find a job in the Twin Cities area as a residence life coordinator or at a campus ministry.

Waterski tournament this weekend



Courtesy UW-Stout Waterski Team

The UW-Stout waterski team is hosting the Sixth Annual Frostbite Figure 8 Tournament this weekend. Participants from all levels will be competing.

Phi Omega Beta appeals sanctions as 'unfair'

Amanda Herr

The University Court heard an appeal Monday from the Phi Omega Beta (FOB) fraternity regarding the sanctions imposed by the Organization Affairs Conduct Oversight Committee (OACOC). The court's decision has not yet been handed down.

Before the hearing began, court justice Tonya Schuld clarified that by appealing the sanctions, FOB was admitting guilt to hosting a November 2003 party in which activities ensued that violated the fraternity's constitution and the university code of conduct that must be upheld by all recognized student organizations.

I@n DeGraff and Julie Derks represented OACOC as co-chairs of the committee. FOB was represented by two of its members, including president Josh Kloos.

Justices of the University Court were Schuld, Rome Cagle, Betsy Anderson, Jen Duffy and Charr LaFond.

In the OACOC's opening statement, DeGraff defended the actions of the committee by describing the makeup of the committee. He said 50 percent of the committee members are in Greek organizations, 50 percent are male and 50 percent are female.

"The sanctions were designed to change the culture of Phi Omega Beta," DeGraff said. He believed the sanctions were fair and just and do not harm FOB; they merely create a "more diligent, watchful eye" over the organization.

Kloos said the OACOC's sanctions were harsh, biased and held the entire fraternity accountable for one person's actions. Because of the sanc-

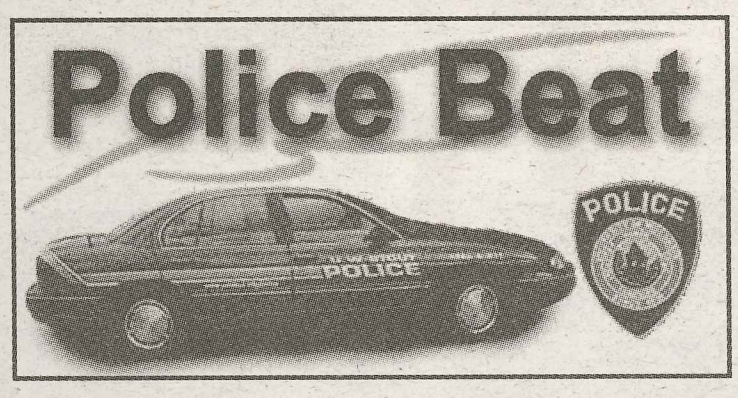
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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 64° Low 46° Partly Cloudy	High 72° Low 51° Few Showers	High 75° Low 55° Scattered T-Storms

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Citations
Underage Drinking Citiations
First Offense: 1
Third Offense: 2

Resisting/Obstructing an Officer Citations: 1

Public Urination Citiations: 1

Drugs are bad
On April 28, an officer was dispatched to UW-Stout parking lot 14 in regard to someone in need of medical attention. When the officer arrived, he found a female who appeared to be in medical distress. The female was speaking with her pharmacist on her cell phone and gave the phone to the officer when he arrived. The pharmacist stated that the female called him because she was having difficulty breathing and that it was caused by an allergic reaction to medication. The officer called for an EMS and gave several bottles of medication found in the victim's car to the EMS personnel. The female was transported to the hospital for medical attention.

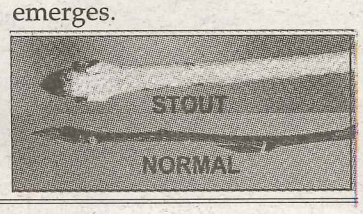
Settle down boys
Police responded to a complaint from a Wigen Hall resident on April 29 who said another individual was trying to start a fight with him outside of Hovlid Hall. The student said that words had been exchanged and that the second individual had pushed him. The student did not want to press charges and both agreed to go their separate ways for the evening.

Pick your roommate wisely
A resident of Tainter Hall contacted police on April 29 to report his roommate was being very disorderly and loud in the room while he was trying to sleep. The reporting student also said his roommate had urinated on the dorm room floor. The student did not want to press charges against his roommate, but wanted police to be aware of the situation. The roommate cleaned up the urine and agreed to be quieter in the future.

New paint for dorm walls
A first floor Oetting Hall RA reported on April 29 that an unknown person had discharged a paintball gun on the first floor of Tustison Hall. Five locations were identified that were hit with paintballs. The residents of the floor denied knowing who could have caused the damage.

Locked doesn't mean safe
On May 2, a resident of Callahan Hall reported that between 2:30 p.m. April 30 and 6 p.m. May 2 someone broke into his locked dorm room and took several of his personal belongings. The items missing included the student's UW-Stout issued Compaq laptop; X-Box video game system, games and controllers; and several DVDs. The student stated he was positive the door was locked over the weekend. The responding officer closed the door and noticed that it was unusually loose. The student stated that he had previously observed students entering rooms on his floor using credit cards and believes this may be how someone gained access to his room.

Inferno Nights not so hot
An anonymous person reported information to police on May 3 about the sale and possession of marijuana in North Hall. The person stated that every Monday evening, several people gathered in room 235 North Hall and smoked marijuana. Police were also informed that marijuana was sold at the Monday evening "Inferno Nights." The anonymous source said someone who attended the "Inferno Nights" had offered to sell her marijuana. Based on this information, police contacted the North Hall hall director. The hall director stated that during the time of the "Inferno Nights" she and all of the RAs in the building attended staff meetings. The officer asked the hall director to allow one RA to walk by this room during the staff meeting time. Police did a walkthrough. During the walkthrough police found no evidence of illegal activity in the room. The case was closed until further evidence emerges.



FOB / Appeal heard

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tions, he stated, FOB alumni are threatening to stop funding the fraternity and its scholarships.

"We have eliminated a member and changed our attitude," Kloos said, demonstrating the fraternity can change its culture without sanctions.

The OACOC called as a witness Sandi Meinsen, community development coordinator and adviser for all Greek organizations on campus. Meinsen said she thought the sanctions were fair and aligned with the goals of Greek organizations.

Derks stated the reasoning behind some of the sanctions OACOC imposed. She said helping with code of conduct presentations would enhance FOB's understanding of the code. Volunteering at a women's shelter and humane society would help change the fraternity's view towards women and force them to be more involved in the community.

Court justice Cagle challenged those two sanctions because OACOC members did not contact organizations to find out if FOB members would be welcomed as volunteers. He stated that women's shelters often perform background checks on potential volunteers and humane societies make their volunteers take a class.

For FOB's case, Kloos said he contacted an attorney who said sanctions should only include service on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, as the bodies imposing the sanctions are university bodies.

"We're adults here on the Stout campus," Kloos said. "We can't be forced to do [community service]."

However, Kloos did not have a problem with the sanction forcing FOB to volunteer at a women's shelter. He believed three semesters' disciplinary probation would be more appropriate and rejected the remaining sanctions.

In the OACOC's closing statement, DeGraff said three years of disciplinary probation were necessary to change FOB's culture because alumni continue to have an influence on the organization.

"We want FOB to be a part of Stout," DeGraff said. "We don't want to hurt them; we just want to help them along."

In FOB's closing statement, Kloos reiterated the actions the fraternity has already taken to remedy the situation. He said FOB already does community service and the university should not impose community service as a sanction.

When moving out, follow the parking rules

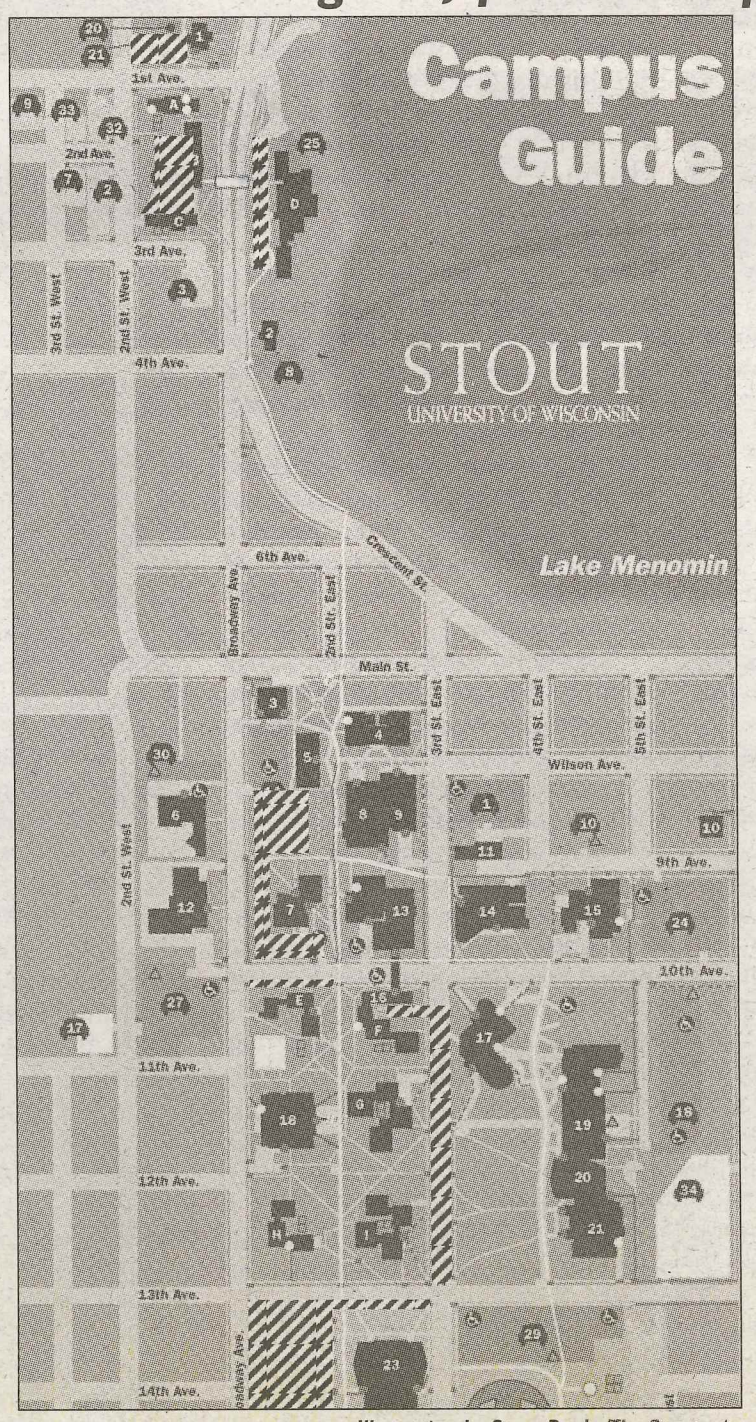


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Parking services has issued the following guidelines on where to park by your dorm.

North Hall: City street meter (paid), Stout meter in Lot 14 across the street (paid) Broadway Service area (with loading permit), or Lot 14 permit space (with loading permit)

AF: City street meter (paid), AF unloading meter (paid), AF service spaces (with unloading permit), Stout permit lot (with loading permit)

HKMC and CKTO: City Street meter (paid), CKTO service drive (with unloading permit), Stout permit lot (with loading permit)

South Hall: South Hall short term meter (paid), Price Commons service area (with loading permit), Lot 4 – first row (with loading permit)

JTC: Timed short-term area (subject to posted time limit), drive in front of JTC , Stout permit lot (with loading permit)

Wigen: Service area behind building (with loading permit), Stout permit lot (with loading permit)

Hovlid: Anywhere in Lot 6 (with loading permit), Stout permit lot (with loading permit)

Fleming: Anywhere in Lot 6 (with loading permit), Stout permit lot (with loading permit)

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Looking back on the year



STAFF EDITORIAL
The Stoutonia

Well folks it's over. Or at least really close to over.

As another year of school falls behind us, we look forward to summers filled with long hours of work to pay for the next school year. Oh joy.

Looking back on the year that was we find we have grown and been through quite a large number of situations.

Let's start off with the best quote we couldn't get this year.

"Sorry about that whole you can buy your laptops thing. We kinda got that wrong, and now we are going to make the students pay out the nose for our mistake."

Not that this was our first taste with StoutOne, but this year reinforced our belief that StoutOne is actually run by the devil. Or maybe Bill Gates.

Ball pits are more fun than studying for exams.

Take the classes they tell you to. Courses are laid out for each major for a reason. If you do not take them in order, or fail to get into them when you should, you'll pay for it later.

To those of you who are young enough to take this advice, we strongly suggest you fight for your classes. Third and fourth year students know getting into the classes you need is almost impossible, but if you bitch and moan enough it can be done.

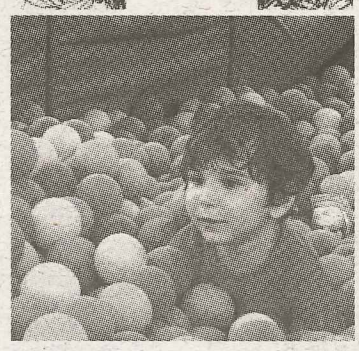
This year we learned that the Jackson's are messed up in the head. Janet showed off just a tit more than she should have, and after these latest boy touching charges, Michael's never heading back to Never Land.

We learned that winning the Baldridge Award doesn't really mean crap for the students.

We learned that the current President wants to get re-elected. Mars, and super terrorist









captures might just be stepping stones.

We learned that image drives our society far more than we thought it did. And for those of you who didn't learn that, you are probably one of those people who really likes shopping at Aberchrombie & Fitch, but always pronounces the store name as Amberchrombie.

Second best quote we didn't get this year.

"Dude. I was so thrilled that we got the Baldridge that my GPA has gone up every semester since it was announced that we had won. I'm the model student at the model university."

Getting kicked out of a ball pit is more fun than studying for finals.

We learned that the Bible is a touchy subject.

We realized that for whatever reason we came to Stout, in the end the it was the same reason. We all came to college to better ourselves.

Five years later: the secret to college



ALL SMILES
Brianna Schrader

Five years gone. Just like that; in the blink of an eye. Looking back on it all, so much has changed, yet some things never will.

What have I learned during my time at The University of Wisconsin-Stout? All the books, tests and papers, I must have learned something along the way. Yes. Yes, I did. But most of what I learned neither came from a textbook, nor was the result of an aced exam. Most of what I learned came from experiences that I lived.

When I first started at UW-Stout, I had this expectation that my new classmates would be so much different than the ones I was surrounded by in high school. I was sorely disappointed to find out that those people were attending college, too, and most of them hadn't changed much; some of them never will.

The truth is, the mere fact that you are a college student does not magically turn you into a mature adult. Just remember that everything you do is a representation of yourself. Every assignment you complete, every word that comes out of your mouth. Everything counts.

I learned that not everyone is in college to get an education. In fact, many people are going through the motions until they get that diploma in their hands. Consequently, they are more than happy to let someone else do the work for them. But don't worry; those are the people you will be competing against when you enter the job market.

I learned that college is what you make of it. Like many things, you get out of it what you put into it. If all you concentrate on is academics, that's all you'll walk away with—good grades and a flawless GPA.

While I am by no means downplaying good grades, please know that there is more to life than working toward obtaining letters from a standardized scale. By not getting involved outside of the world of academia, you're short-changing the overall, once-in-a-lifetime college experience. In the end, you'll find most of the lessons you've learned were not taught in a classroom.

One of the best things I did during my college career was apply for a position at The Stoutonia. The skills I have honed, the knowledge I have acquired, the confidence I have gained and the relationships I have built through this experience are all priceless, and I wouldn't have had the pleasure of adding them to my life had I not been a part of this truly dedicated and talented group for the past two years.

I have learned more from being an integral part of this organization than in all 124 credits I have earned. This is why I urge you to get involved. Find something you enjoy or take an interest in. Chances are, you are not alone and there are more people on campus who share those same interests.

I believed for a long time that UW-Stout was a school of higher education that genuinely wanted to see me succeed; I eventually came to the realization that it is nothing but a business that wants my money.

This is why it is important that each and every one of you continue to question everything. Challenge your professors. Take charge of your education. After all, you are the one paying for it.

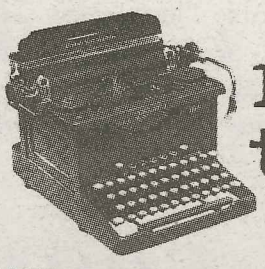
Worth Hearing Once

Tests

I start out optimistic because on the first page it says Name.

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Letters to the Editor

Hard Working

I am writing as a former staff member of the Stoutonia, a former student of UW-Stout, a football fan, a lover of heros, and a soldier serving in Iraq. As some of you might know, a recent editorial ran in the UMASS at Amherst's student nespaper, The Daily Collegian, criticizing both the life and death of former NFL player Pat Tillman, who was recently killed while serving in Afghanistan. The author of the op-ed piece, a grad student named Rene Gonzalez, called Tillman a "G.I. Joe guy who got what was coming to him."

He later said in a quasi-apology email to Boston's WBZ-TV: "I felt that his celebrity had been a factor in American society calling him a 'hero,' and I felt American society had arrived at that conclusion without much thinking, but rather as some sort of patriotic 'knee-jerk' into hero worship."

What irks me and others is that this child [Gonzalez] is a slap in the face to the decent and hard-working collegiate jourlanists around the country. He represents the least that unprofessional journalism and tact can accomplish.

I don't need to say that I think Tillman was a true hero, or also, that his death received more coverage because of his celebrity. So what. Does that deride the fact that another one of my fellow soldiers fell in the line of duty doing his job? I could care less about hollow flag-waving or store-bought patriotism, which is what I think Gonzalez confused the issue with. A fallen soldier is a fallen soldier and he deserves the respect that is due him.

The real point is that Gonzalez has done a disservice to the hard-working students all over the country who try and do something that enlightens or entertains their fellow classmates. Think about it the next time you feel like flying off the handle because you feel the student newspaper has moraly wronged you in some way. Put things in perspective for a second. I know no one at The Soutonia has ever called a fallen hero a "pendejo."

SPC Matthew Tracy
Former Stoutonia
Opinions Editor
Tikrit, Iraq

To my predecessor,

Thank you for keeping in touch with the college community that you were a very large part of.

I also was very angered to see that a fellow college writer could be so hype-hungry that he would deface a man who gave his life for 15 minutes of fame.

College journalists, from what I have seen and experienced, are very hard working students who try their best to balance school and work.

Gonzalez called Tillman a GI Joe and I have to believe he never had one to play with when he was a child, because he doesn't get that GI Joe's always fight the good fight.

On a seperate note, it is good to hear from a former Stoutonian, and I should tell you that when everyone in the office found out you had wrote there was quiet a stir in the office.

We would like to thank you and everyone serving over in Iraq and Afghanistan for defending our right to write. Take care.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

English is not her major

First I would like to say that the e-mail I wrote, that was published in the article "Tickets for Graduation in High Demand," was not intended for use by the Stoutonia. That e-mail was only intended to be a response to the massive amounts of e-mails numerous soon-to-be graduates received regarding graduation tickets for sale.

I was very angry when I wrote my response due to my inbox being flooded with e-mails in regards to people needing and selling tickets. Every time I opened my e-mail that week, I, along with numerous other individuals, would have at least 50 forwards from people trying to sell graduation tickets for a profit.

It was starting to annoy me and others for that matter. I especially found it irritating that other students were trying to profit from something that was free to them in the first place.

Don't get me wrong, I know people need and want money and it's the "American" way, but it was starting to get a little pathetic, specifically when some people were selling extra tickets any where from $120 to $200.

I understand that I made myself look bad by replying the way I did and I apologize for not being more professional about the situation. To Mr. Novotny, English is obviously not my major!

Kimberly Hickey
UW-Stout Student

Throw Down

As you may know, Saturday, May 1, was Blue Devil Productions annual "Throw Parties, Not Bombs." This all-day music festival is the organization's biggest event of the year, providing entertainment to hundreds of Stout students and community members. You may have heard of the awesome bands BDP lines up for this occasion. You may be aware of the amazing atmosphere TPNB offers.

But what you may not know is the incredible amount of work that goes into such a production. This having been my first semester as a member of BDP, it was my first oppertunity to be behind the scenes of "Throw Parties."

All semester I have been awed by the dedication and hard work every member has put into BDP's events, but I was absolutely blown away this past Saturday. The day itself consisted of nearly fifteen hours of hard labor by the staff, preceded by months and months of planning and organizing the day's festivities.

Not only did each individual bring something unique to this show, every last member also displayed an unparalleled level of commitment and enthusiasm. Despite the setbacks we experienced, "Throw Parties Not Bombs" was an awesome day. Everyone (especially Andrea Avery) is deserving of infinite praise for all their hard work, both on this fabulous event and throughout the semester.

I would like to express a very sincere "Thank-you" to everyone involved with Blue Devil Productions for making this experience truly amazing. I am inspired by every one of you.

Serena Suckow
BDP Member
UW-Stout Studnet

Learning to be the people we will become



JUSTSENSE
Brian Legg

Communication and information are now and will continue to be the biggest trends in the world of business. High-speed transmissions, smart networks and global communication are the last great expanse of opportunity.

Ideas have been the foundation upon which all achievements have been based. It is the manifestation of an intangible notion that defines accomplishment, capital and time being the remaining factors.

Communication systems that enhance and foster the necessary connections between entrepreneurship and investment make incredible advancements in human achievement possible.

This is important to understand because as the global economy changes from product-based to a more service-oriented climate, our thinking needs to be geared similarly. From a strictly business perspective, this presents the possibility of great wealth.

Competition leads to improvement and innovation, time becomes the only independent variable in a once complex equation, and the playing field levels; the barriers once impeding individual growth and advancement cease to apply.

Socialist as the benefits of this new trend may seem, its success rides on the graces of capitalism.

Freedom and opportunity have long been the highest perks of capitalist society. The combination of these circumstances has fueled incredible innovation, entrepreneurship and accomplishment. Without freewill and the chance for betterment, there would be no desire to progress as a species.

Progress has taken us from hunters and gatherers to a barter system and further into a currency structure. The desire to provide a more valuable commodity and in turn raise one's status was the fuel behind these changes. This very concept is the reason most people go on to higher education.

A person is a more valuable asset with additional education and training. In light of these economical trends, it is important to consider the value of holistic learning.

When ideas become the highest currency, the ability to generate new ones will be an invaluable skill. While craft and talent will never be lost as business priorities, I think they will become less significant as a prerequisite for success. The ability to learn and adapt to an ever-changing environment will rise, and perhaps already has risen to the top of the list of skills one should have.

A practical example and one that many students can probably connect with is the rise of Hip-Hop moguls like Jay-Z. These self-made individuals can teach us a lot about the concept of self-promotion.

Jay-Z started as a musician and has expanded his prospects to include the production of music and an apparel business. Starting with very little, he rose by honing his craft as a lyricist and keeping his eyes and ears open to opportunity. He had an idea and put in the time and capital communicating that idea.

I'll try to sum up the relevance of this as a whole. We are, as human beings, very capable of incredible things. Our brains are the things that separate our species from others on our planet. We construct the world through our collective perception of it and our ability to share and communicate that perspective.

The creative ways in which we practice this gift are what make the world the beautiful, complex and fascinating place it is. The opportunities presented by technological and systematic advances in communication are vast and diverse.

As the soon to be leaders of the world, our generation has the possibility to harness the benefits of these advances, both financially and socially.

Whether you have ideas for business, art, education or politics, it is imperative to possess the ability to communicate them effectively and efficiently. This is the best asset you can bring to any business.

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As I graduate...



MUPPET LOGIC
Tim Krueger

I would like to send my gratitude to several of the people at University of Wisconsin-Stout who have helped me through my college experience. There have been many professors and staff that have had an impact on my life, and I would like to give thanks for those that have helped me.

While there have been positive and negative impacts on my life, I would like to refrain from the typical graduate's "screw you all" speech, and keep a positive note.

I honestly enjoy my undergraduate years at UW-Stout and made some very good friendships. To my friends, thank you very much for all your support and the great times. Most of you already know how much I care, so I would like to give thanks to those that don't know how much I have appreciated their help.

Dr. Robert Horan, I want to thank you for being the first person to show me that my writing had potential and for giving me constructive guidance to improve. Your Socratic teaching method is extremely effective at making me think about what I do, and your positive comments are much more valuable than the criticism offered from other professors. For this, I thank you.

Dr. Robert Schuler, from your teaching I was able to bring literature back into my life. As a child, I loved to read, but lost that in my years of high school and college. You showed me what can come of reading literature, and the great amount of knowledge contained in novels. There is immense joy in reading for pleasure, and I am so grateful to have that back in my life.

Dr. Louis Milanesi, you were able to turn me on to the subject of psychology, which I then turned into my major. I now know everything there can possibly be to know about the psychology of Scuba Diving. Psych has provided me with a great framework for my future, and from learning that nothing can be proven right unless able to be proven wrong, I feel more able to decipher what happens in our world.

Bruce Saxman, you enabled me to seek out what I really wanted from college; the education outside of the classroom. There is so much possible when you can combine all forms of education, and Stout Adventures has definitely helped me realize what possibilities there are for combining my interests of education and outdoor recreation. Without the help of you and Stout Adventures, I might have been just another misguided graduate with a degree and no ambition.

To the entire psychology department, keep up the great work. I came back to college after dropping out with intent to attain an education. My philosophy of education is to use it as a tool to understand the world around me. I did not come here to receive job training; I can get that elsewhere.

I came to college to become an educated person and to be able to make educated choices. I cannot think of a better group of people than you to teach me how to make sense of human action.

Amanda Herr
Go Blue Devils
My last Stoutonia ever

So long, Stout. I'm graduating. After four years, thousands of dollars, two laptops and changing my major only once, I'm graduating. I will miss my friends, classmates and professors, but most of all I will miss everyone at The Stoutonia. You've made me feel like part of the group and I've learned so much by writing for you. Thanks a million.

Amanda Herr



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Due date for books approaching

Lara Monk

REMINDER: When you're done studying for finals – return your text books. You may think you're in the clear, but when you begin packing for home, don't pack up books that don't belong to you or you'll have an additional payment due to the university.

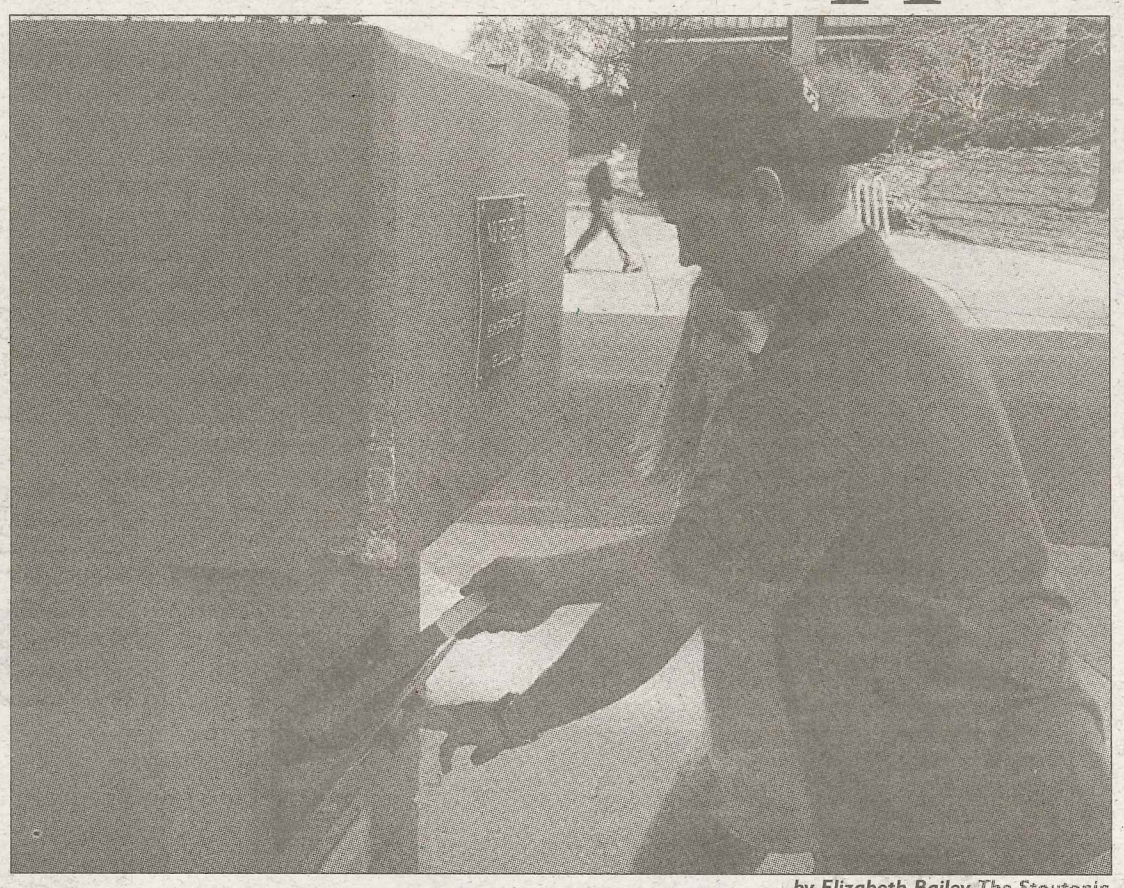
"All textbooks are due the last day of evaluation week and are subject to a $4.00 late fee per book when returned after that date," said Brenda Swannack, assistant director of the Library Learning Center. "A replacement cost will be billed approximately a month after due date. This cost may be forgiven if books are returned within a reasonable period and have not been replaced."

"To prevent fines, courtesy notices are e-mailed before the due date reminding students of books checked out to them," said Swannack.

Students may also check Patron Information on the Stout Library Catalog web site for a listing of books checked out, found at: http://voyager1.uwstout.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?PAGE=pbLogon

Search the Instructional Resources (IRS) Web site: www.uwstout.edu/lib/irs for general information including hours. IRS also has longer hours during evaluation week.

Swannack advises students to use the IRS book drop built into the side brick wall near the 3rd Street entrance to the Library Learning Center rather than the Main Library's orange cement book drop by the turnaround.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Nick Bremmer and Megan Peterson returned their textbooks. Books can be returned to the desk, or to the drop box attached to the library building. The drive-up drop box is not for textbooks.

Damaged items are assessed fines, up to replacement value. Resources must be returned and late fines paid within the time specified or you must pay the replacement price of the resources.

Although the CD found in the back of some textbooks may be rarely used, it's very important to keep it with the book at all times. Depending on the department with which the book is used, if the CD is lost, the student is liable for the replacement cost of the entire book, because the CD is not available separately.

Have you ever wondered where your money goes after paying a late fee? IRS fines, fees and unreturned texts replacement costs are spent on replacement books. Costs have increased due to inflation.

"All students are treated equally with fines or replacement costs for textbooks not returned—then sent to an off-campus collection agency," said Swannack.

Since not all schools provide books for their students, it is important that students respect the system and realize its benefits.

"This is an opportunity to focus on the positive process for returning books," said Swannack.



Instructional Resources Extended Hours

Friday: May 7
7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday: May 10
7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday: May 11
7:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: May 12
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Thursday: May 13
7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: May 14
7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Diet fads are not the best weight loss tools



GREENSENSE
Elizabeth Bailey

It appears the Atkins wave has crashed onto the University of Wisconsin-Stout shores. The fad has evidently affected the nation so much that it has now made its way onto the menus in both the Pawn and the Terrace.

They are now offering new smoothies, wraps and burgers that all have lower carbohydrates.

This caught my attention. I wondered why they can cater to a fad, but not necessarily to other nutritious options on the menu.

"People just need to eat less in general," said Shannon Riebe, a senior in graphic design. "They need to offer healthier options in general, rather than all of the grease."

Changing diet trends aren't necessarily nutritionally sound. Many of them actually starve your body of nutrients that it needs. A balanced diet with self-control and eating in moderation is the healthiest option, according to the Foodand Nutrition Research Institute handbook.

"I think it would be beneficial to incorporate organic food options, which would help to increase healthier food selections," said Pam Gundrum, a senior in dietetics. "It would also increase awareness of the benefits of chemical free food items."

Not to say that there aren't other healthy choices, such as the salad bar and Asian Creations. Some of the nutritional content isn't taken into consideration, such as iceberg lettuce, served at all food sources on campus, which has no nutritional content.

What I am proposing are some other integrations of healthy choices on campus. Introducing organic foods would be a great start. Organic foods have been grown without the use of harmful chemical pesticides and fertilizers.

Every time you choose conventionally farmed foods over organic, you are increasing your exposure to chemicals and raising your risk of disease. According to a report by the National Academy of Sciences, chemical pesticides may cause an additional 1.4 million cases of cancer in this generation of Americans.

Though organic foods may prove more expensive, the cost of our health should be worth the expense. The more people that join in consuming organic foods, the more affordable they will become.

Uncooked foods also provide better nourishment. Cooking destroys the natural chemical composition of the food. The vitamins are altered and destroyed, the proteins are scrambled and the enzymes are torn to pieces.

I have read in farmers' magazines, that if you want your hogs to fatten up quickly, feed them boiled potatoes, not raw; that if you want your cattle to gain weight, cook their grain; don't feed it to them raw.



by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Low-carb diets are making an impact in many restaurants. Recently, The Pawn added a few low-carb items to its menu.

The huge American obesity problem is probably due to the unnatural eating of cooked foods, rather than any specific types of "fattening" foods. By integrating new organic options on campus, we can help to get everyone's health in a better direction.

Simply cutting out the grease that college students have grown to love during late night cravings would be enough for weight loss.

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A campus under construction

Elizabeth Bailey









by Elizabeth Bailey, The Stoutonia

Construction equipment can currently be seen on both North and South Campus. CKTO is having its 20 year old roof replaced, and the new residence halls for North Campus are in the beginning phases. The North Campus remodel is set to be completed in 2012.

The construction on campus is well underway and many are questioning the timing of the construction so close to the end of the semester. The CKTO roof replacement project has been scheduled for over a year, but kept being delayed due to weather issues and timeline conflicts.

"The state does periodic inspection of roofs and requires their replacement under certain criteria," said John Enger, executive director of University Relations. "There are no other roof replacements in the residence halls this summer."

"The current roof was installed in 1983 and was slated for replacement in 2003," said Scott Griesbach, director of Housing and Residence Life. "The project is estimated to take three to four weeks. The contractors have been instructed not to work during finals."

That is a huge sigh of relief for many residents in CKTO. Tustison and Oetting, the quiet study dorms of CKTO, are the closest to the construction corner.

"When you're in and out the noise isn't so bad," said Jessica Bronk, a sophomore in early childhood education and resident of Oetting Hall. "Other than the direct pounding on the roof, it has been tolerable and you learn to drone out the noise."

Signs have been posted to inform students to keep their windows closed and blinds drawn to diminish noise and for privacy reasons. The signs were posted without any verbal explanation to residents as to what would be going on.

The construction hours were proposed to be from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. so as not to wake students or keep them from their studies in the evening. Due to the push to get the construction finished before finals week, the hours have actually been starting as early as 7 a.m. and worked as late as 9 p.m.

"It is disturbing during studying for everyone, especially in a resident hall designated to quiet study," said Brandon Jutz, a sophomore in marketing and business education, who is also a resident advisor on the first floor of Tustison. "From the first floor it is mainly the crane that is the loudest and the occasional falling of debris from the roof."

Though the hours have been extended to quicken the construction pace, it will be well worth the peace and quiet that residents will have during their studies for finals week.

"The project on North Campus is the new resident hall to replace JTC, which will be torn down upon completion of the new building," said Enger. "The new hall is the first phase on an extensive construction and remodeling plan for the North Campus which is expected to be complete in 2012. Plans are for the new hall to be completed some time in the summer of 2005, with occupancy for the fall of that year."

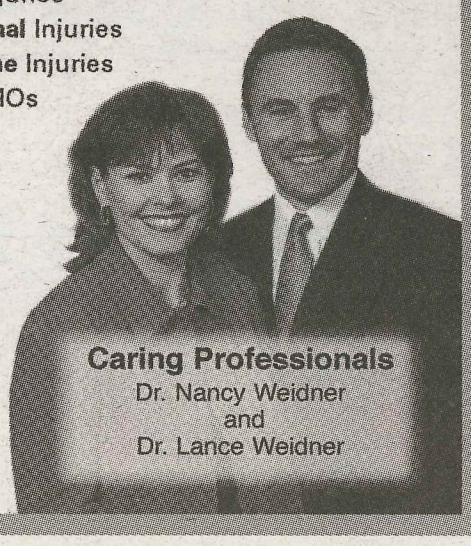
Griesbach said, "The new suite-style residence hall is progressing on schedule. After preparing the site, the contractors have been installing over 400 geopiers to be used as the base for the building. Footings are beginning to be poured, and foundation block walls are slated to begin being built on May 10."

Two web cameras have been installed and are being tested. You can check the housing Web site this summer to see progress on the building. The housing Web site is http://www.uwstout.edu/housing.

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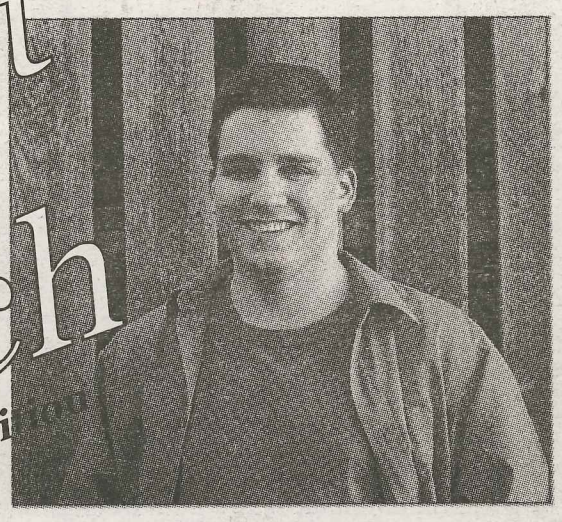
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Stout Watch

Graduate Edition



Kathy Ryan - 24
general business administration
senior



Ben Brandt - 23
manufacturing engineering
senior

Questions and photos compiled by Andrea Anthony, The Stoutonia

Hometown: Lakeville, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single

How many years did you spend at UW-Stout? Five years.

Do you have a job when you graduate? If so, where?
Yes, with Hormel Foods as a Food Service Sales Representative in Seattle, Wash.

How will you celebrate your graduation from UW-Stout?
A party at the Pioneer Grill and Saloon and a trip to Las Vegas (a gift from my sister).

What will you miss most about UW-Stout?
How close this campus is, everyone is so friendly and outgoing; its hard not to meet people!

What advice can you give to students hoping to graduate in the future?
Don't waste your summers doing what is easy. Do something to set yourself apart from the one million graduates every year. Your friends may have all the fun for three months, but you'll be having the fun for the rest of your life. Get out of your comfort zone and do something that truly challenges you.

What is your favorite quote?
"Life is not about what happens to you, its about how you react to it."

Did UW-Stout assist you in your job search?
Yes, the Co-op office is fantastic!

Hometown: Webster, Minn.
Relationship Status: Single.

How many years did you spend at UW-Stout? Five years.

Do you have a job when you graduate? If so, where?
Not just yet, but I have some good leads.

How will you celebrate your graduation from UW-Stout?
Catch my breath, relax and enjoy friends' grad parties; anybody want to join me?

What will you miss most about UW-Stout?
All the great people I've met, and the ones I wasn't able to get to know better.

What advice can you give to students hoping to graduate in the future?
Take as few classes as possible your last semester.

What is your favorite quote?
"Whatever you are, be a good one." - Abraham Lincoln

Did UW-Stout assist you in your job search?
Yes, the placement office has been a big help with my co-op and my current job search.

Who was your favorite teacher at UW-Stout and why?
Pete Heimdahl, for teaching Engineering Mechanics with chainsaws, hatchets and two-ton pigeons.

Stout Watch is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students. If you have question ideas for Stout Watch or want to see someone featured, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Slant

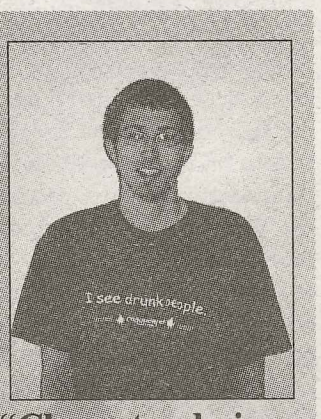
Graduate Edition

You just graduated, what is your dream job?



"Stay at home mom."

Leah Gunvalson
retail merchandising
senior

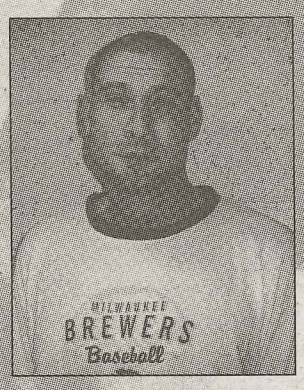


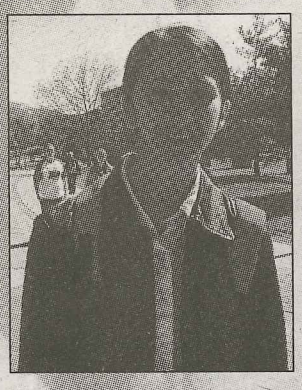
"Character design and modeler for a successful video game company."

Brandon Plagemann
multimedia design
senior

"To be a high school special education teacher and a basketball coach."

Garrik Bertin
vocational rehabilitation
senior





"Owning a seven star hotel in India."

Aneesha Bhatia
hospitality, restaurant and tourism management
senior

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

"Shout outs to the little people in my life."



CHECK THIS OUT
Diana Minea

As with the end of any semester, life is busy, people are stressed and time goes by way too fast. In these fast paced times, it is important to notice the little things during the day that make life a little less painful.

Throughout the semester, the smallest things have been able to make me smile when I am down, wake me up after an all-nighter or inspired me to pass the favor on to others. I would like to thank those people that have made a difference, even if it only lasted a second.

Thanks to the strangers who had conversations with me in the CKTO elevator. The randomness and comedic nature always put a little bounce in my step.

I appreciate the kind smiles and cheerful comments from the custodial staff in my dorm. You made me oblivious to the fact that I had to squeeze to get around your carts of tools and cleaning supplies.

I would also like to express gratitude to Bonnie, a worker at the Applied Arts expressway cart. Your good mood was contagious, even at eight in the morning when I got my daily donut.

Thanks to my physics professor, Laura McCullough, for making a class that began at 8 a.m., four days a week not only bearable but enjoyable.

Another shout out must go to the staff at ASK5000 who are Mac compatible. The times you weren't working were frustrating, so I appreciated it when I could get answers to my many queries.

I cannot forget to thank those of you drivers who stopped for me when I was in the crosswalk. Especially on cold days, it meant a lot to know that someone was willing to pause their life so I could continue mine.

Last of all, thanks to all of you who read this. I love hearing that the corny ramblings I produce week-by-week actually get through to some people or at least entertain them.

To all of you who have made a subtle impact on me, keep doing what you're doing because just maybe you'll make somebody else's day as well.

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The 411

May 6 to May 13

Thursday, May 6
STUDY DAY
>Thursday Night Out, 8 p.m., Rec Center.
>Open Mic Night, 8 p.m., Acoustic Café.

Friday, May 7
Finals begin!
>Psychoscamatic Illusions, multimedia design senior show, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Pod 3, Micheels Hall.
>The Frog Prince, 7 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $6/students.
>Interior Design Senior Show, 7p.m -9p.m., Room 220, Applied Arts.

Saturday, May 8
>Commencement, College of Human Development and the School of Education, 9:30 a.m., Johnson Fieldhouse.
>Commencement, College of Technology, Engineering and Technology; and the College of Arts and Sciences, 2 p.m., Johnson Fieldhouse.
>The Frog Prince, 2 p.m., Mabel Tainter Theater, $6/students.

Sunday, May 9
No events scheduled

Monday, May 10
>NanoTechnology Day, 10 a.m., Glass Lounge of Price Commons.

Tuesday, May 11
No events scheduled

Wednesday, May 12
No events scheduled

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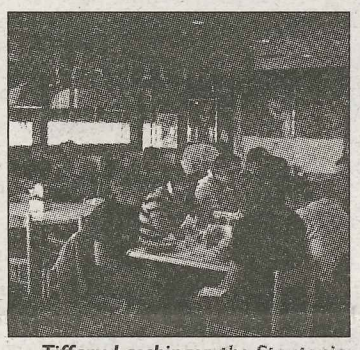
Where to eat after graduation

Lindsey Schuldt

Hungry? Don't know where to take your parents and family to eat for graduation? Or are you parents who cannot find your graduate but need a place to eat? Let the Stoutonia help you.

To the right is a list of various places students and residents of Menomonie enjoy eating on every day occasions and on special occasions.

From specialty pasta dishes to hamburgers, each restaurant has something different and equally tasty to offer.



Tiffany Laschinger, the Stoutonia

Places to Eat	Starts Serving	Price Range	Reservations	Cuisine	Service
Jake's Supper Club Cty Rd D	11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch Buffet 3-10 p.m. Regular Menu	$8-20	Yes	American-Beef, Chicken, Pasta, Salad, Sandwiches	4.5/5-Eat outside with view of the lake
Grazi's Hwy 29 W	11am-limited menu 3pm-regular menu	$10-20	Recommended	Italian	3.5/5-Casual-Fine Dining
Creamery Hwy 25 S	11 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch Menu 2 -10 p.m. Regular Menu	$15-30	Recommended	American/fine Dining	4.5/5 Fine Dining
Mardi Gras Hwy 29 E	11 a.m.-10 p.m. Regular menu	$6-15	Recommended	New Orleans/ Cajun	3.5/5 Deck is Open
Perkins Hwy 25 N	Open 24 hours	$5-15	Recommended	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner	3.5/5 Near Hotels and I-94
Old Depot 400 (By Wal-Mart)	7 a.m.-9 p.m.	$5-15	No	American-Down-Home Cooking	3.5/5 Near I-94

Information compiled by Paige Kline

Where to rock this summer

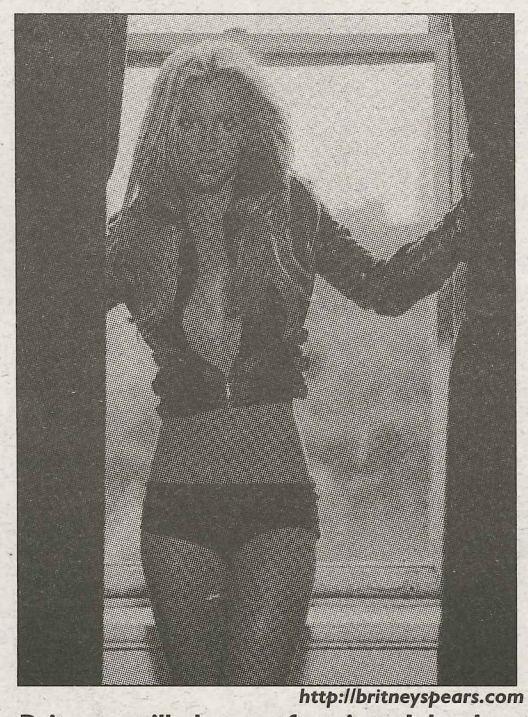


MUSICMASTER
Eric Iverson

Minnesota's rock radio station, 93X, along with Sam Goody, will be sponsoring River Fest in Sommerset Wis. on May 28 and 29, and will feature bands Cold, Papa Roach, Sevendust, Anthrax and Twisted Sister.

Also playing in Sommerset will be Linkin Park, Korn, Snoop Dogg and the Used on August 28. If you like hair-band rock, check out Kiss and Poison on June 26.

Summerfest will be held June 24 to July 4 on the shores of Lake Michigan. The big names that will be performing this summer include Blink-182, Britney Spears, Kenny Chesney, Prince, Live, 311, Chevelle, John Mayer, Maroon 5, Crosby Stills & Nash and Tim McGraw.

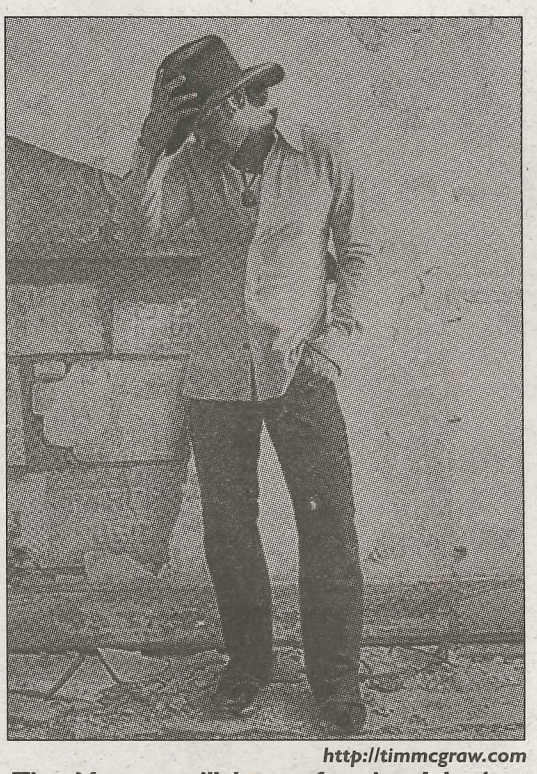


http://britneyspears.com

Britney will be performing July 1 at Summerfest and July 16 at the Target Center.

"If you're going to take a vacation this summer, take a week off and go to Summer-fest," said Matt King, a senior in technical communication. "You can see more bands in one day than you'd hear on 100.7 in two days."

Rock Fest will be held in Cadott, Wis., 40 miles east of Menomonie on Hwy 29, July 15-18. Big name bands like Counting Crows, Smash Mouth, Spin Doctors, The Allman Brothers, Saliva, Tesla, Twisted Sister, Judas Priest, REO Speedwagon and Styx will be rockin' your socks off for four days straight.



http://timmcgraw.com

Tim Mcgraw will be performing July 4 at Summerfest and Aug. 6 at We Fest.

"Any concert sponsored by Leine's and Jack Daniel's has got to be good," said Bryan Millard, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "I can't wait to put on my mullet wig and jam out to Twisted Sister."

Country Jam USA is a huge gathering of over 125,000 cowboy hat wearing, Pabst-drinking, Chevy-driving country music fans. There will be over 30 performances from stars such as Brooks & Dunn and Alan Jackson.

"Country Jam USA can only be described as amazing,". said Doug Stevens, a sophomore undecided major. No wait. Amazing doesn't cut it. I need to make up a new word. Country Jam USA can only be described as uberlisicious." "Nothing is more American than drinking some PBR, wearing a cowboy hat and stomping my boot to some good ol' country music."

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A sneak-peak at summer blockbusters



HAWKEYE
Kyle Kingston

Ah, summer. A time of rest, recuperation and freedom from the academic grind. But most of all, a time for bloated, big-budget blockbusters, typically short on story and acting and long on everything else, especially special effects.

What follows is a quick run-through of what Hollywood will be offering us in the coming months. Since none of these movies have yet been released, I obviously can't review them. All I can do is give you my best-guess recommendations, based on instinct and experience.

"Van Helsing," starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Beckinsale opens May 7.

Despite the usual warning sign of an overly aggres-

please see ***Movies****, page 11*



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Breckin Meyer and Jennifer Love Hewitt will be co-staring with the animated fury friend from Sunday comics,"Garfield".

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Movies / summer previews not looking too hot

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sive promotional campaign, I'm probably going to catch this movie, if only to see how director Stephen Sommers twists the horror legends of "Dracula," "Frankenstein" and the "Wolf-Man" to suit the movie's needs.

I have a feeling that the movie is probably going to suck, but I'm still curious.

"Shrek 2" starring Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz, opens May 21.

Even though I felt the first "Shrek" was overrated, I still liked it. It was consistently amusing and probably one of the best fractured fairy tales this side of "Rocky and Bullwinkle." Perhaps best of all, it gave Murphy a chance to be funny again, if briefly. I'd say the sequel is at least worth a look.

"Troy," starring Brad Pitt, Eric Bana and Orlando Bloom,. opens May 14.

While I'm not eager to see Pitt as Achilles, I concede that it could work. And Wolfgang Peterson is usually pretty good at balancing spectacle with story- as with "The Perfect Storm".

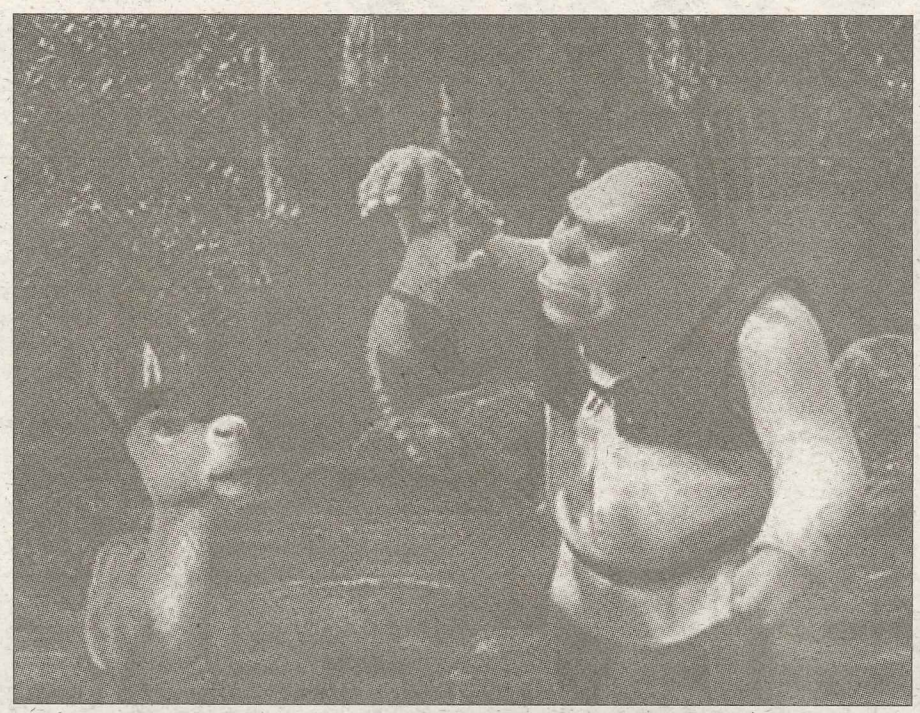
"Garfield," starring Bill Murray, Breckin Meyer and Jennifer Love Hewitt, opens June 11.

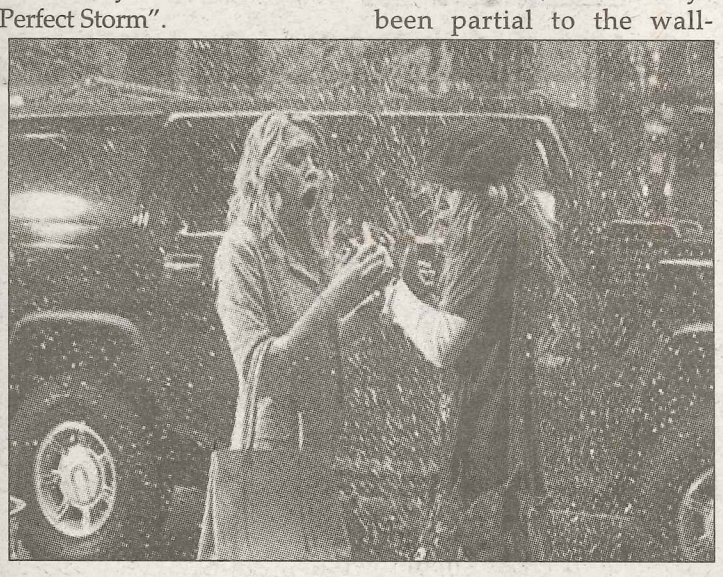
Hewitt is usually reason enough to avoid any movie, but in this case I can't imagine anybody with an IQ higher than room temperature paying money to see this. It's a safe bet that the fat orange tabby will be added to the growing list of terrible CGI characters, even if Murray seems like the natural choice for voice actor.

I have fond memories of Garfield when I was growing up, but his comic strip hasn't been funny in years and, barring a miracle, his movie won't be either.

"Spider-Man 2," starring Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and J.K. Simmons. opens June 30.

While flawed, the original "Spider-Man" had a lot going for it: a good cast, a good story and a gifted, unconventional director. From the looks of things, this new installment looks to be just as good, if not better. But then, I've always been partial to the wall-crawler.







http//movies.yahoo.com

(top) "Shrek 2", the highly anticipated sequel will be premiering May 21. (right) The next in line in the third Harry Potter movie, "Azkaban," comes out on June 4. (lower left) Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen will be making their big screen premier in "New York Minute" on May 7.

"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban", Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint, opens June 4.

To be honest, I've never seen the "Harry Potter" movies or read the books. I haven't the slightest idea if "Azkaban" will be good or bad, and I don't really care to find out. If you're already caught up in Potter-mania, though, you're probably going to feel obligated to see this.

"Anacondas: The Hunt For The Blood Orchid," starring Johnny Messner, Morris Chestnut, Eugene Byrd, Nicholas Hope and Peter Curtis opens August 27.

Yahoo! Movies lists three reasons to see this: (1) bigger, better snakes than the first "Anaconda," (2) Chestnut gets a shout-out and (3) admit it – you loved the original. In order, here's how I respond: (1) who cares, (2) who cares, (3) I admit no such thing.

"New York Minute," starring Mary-Kate and Ashley Olson, May 7.

The same instinct that tells you not to stick your hand in a garbage disposal will tell you to avoid something like "New York Minute." As far as I can tell, the only people who care about the Olson Twins are either adolescent teenieboppers sucking down pixie sticks or horny perverts waiting for the twins to turn 18.

For God's sake, these "Full House" cash cows already have enough money to buy ten University of Wisconsin-Stouts and turn them into petting zoos; they don't have to inflict more licensed garbage like "New York Minute" upon the world.

Of course we've only touched the tip of the iceberg for this summer's movie releases. If I had the space or the inclination, I'd tell you what I think of "The Chronicles of Riddick," "The Princess Diaries 2" or "Catwoman." But for now I think I'll just wish you a good summer and only the least painful of movie experiences.

Oh, and "Charlie's Angels" still sucks.

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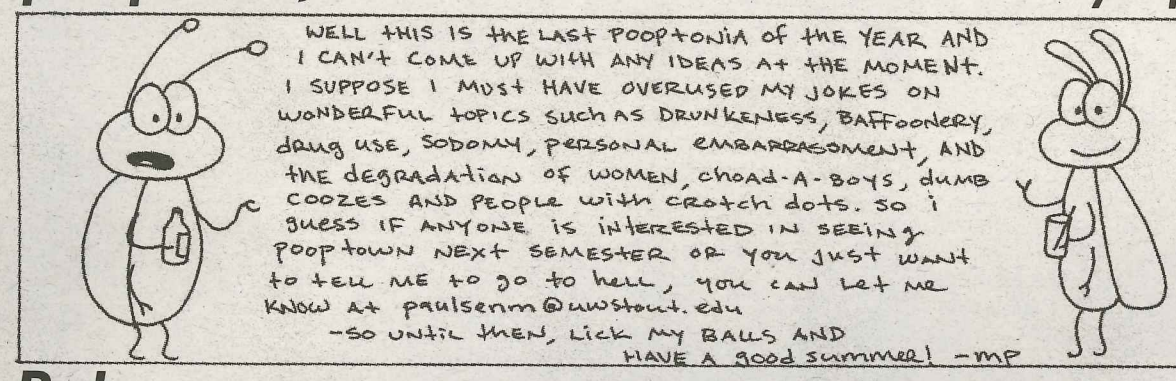
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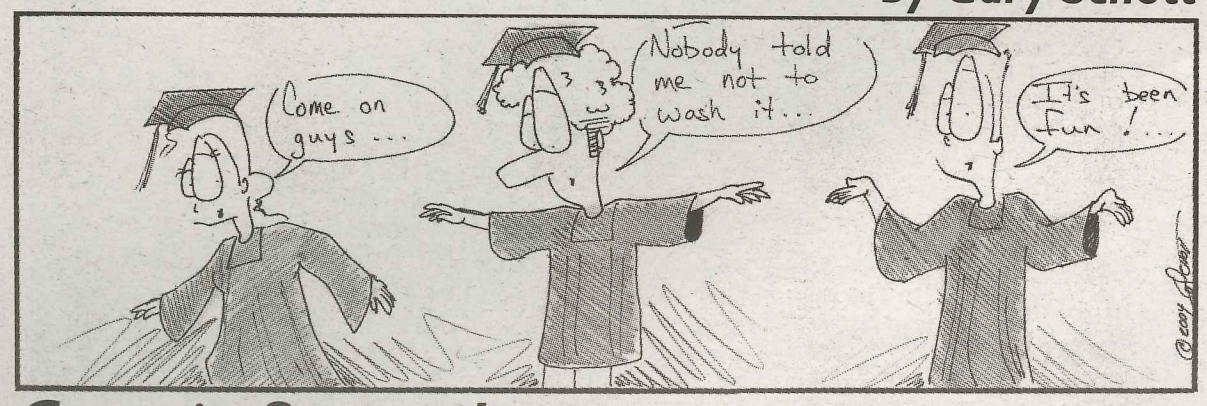


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Walker and Milo

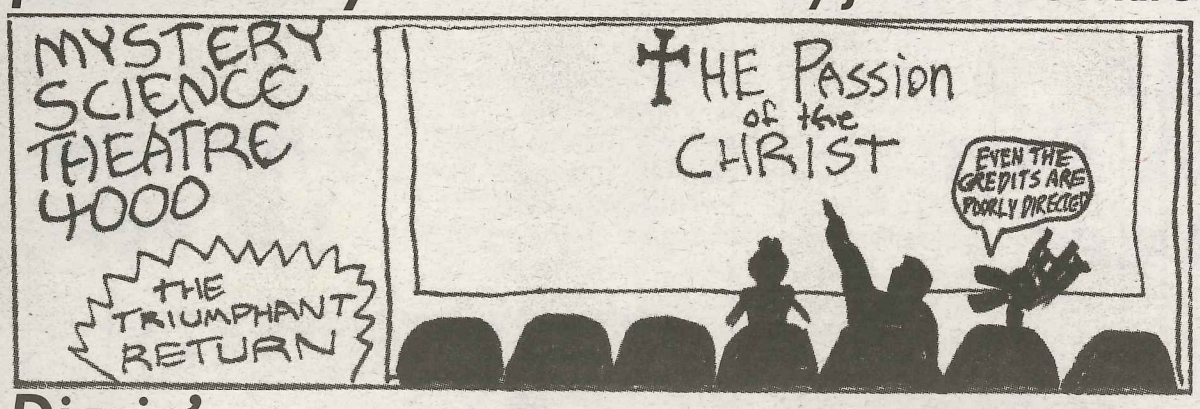
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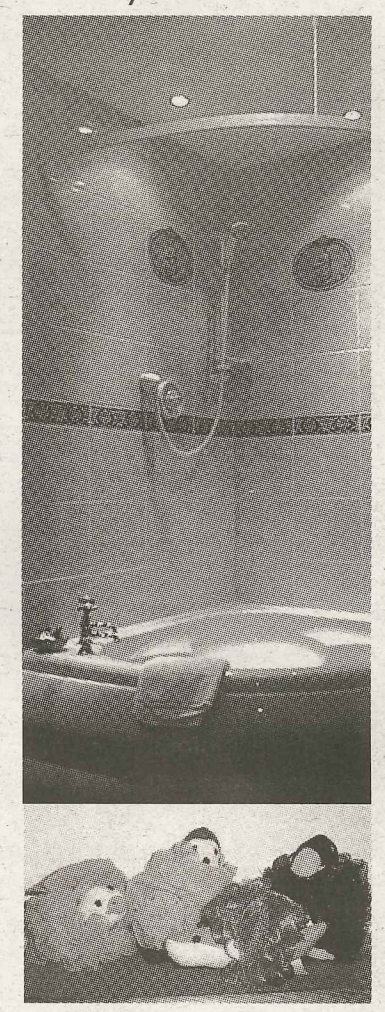
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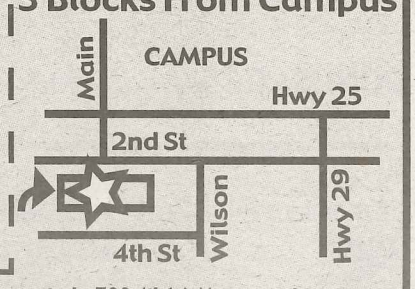
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What will happen this summer



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

With the summer approaching, I thought it'd be a good idea to let you all know what to expect while you are away from the outstanding sports coverage that The Stoutonia provides.

Before I get going on what will happen, here are a few things that won't happen this summer.

The Brewers will not play .500 ball. The Red Sox will not beat the Yankees in the American League East.

Staying on the subject of baseball, I predict the Red Sox will get the Yankees back in the playoffs and will play the Cubs in the World Series. The Cubs and Red Sox will battle all the way to game seven, where the Cubs will prevail and become World Champions.

Speaking of World Champions, Athens will not host the Olympics without a single problem. No Olympic athletes will use drugs.

Now that I got all of that out of my system, on to the predictions that will happen.

The Packers will get a successor to Brett Favre before the start of next season. Doug "I love to hold a clipboard" Pederson was given his walking papers, so I have to believe the Pack is looking for a replacement for Favre to watch from the sidelines for a year or two.

In the Drew Henson lottery, the Packers took second place which got the team, well nothing.

As a Vikings fan, I have to admit I was scared the Packers would be suiting up the future and the present in Henson and Favre.

Henson will be a great signal caller in Dallas, where he will barely beat out Quincy Carter. Why do I think Henson will beat out Carter? Because nobody named Quincy should be a starting quarterback in the NFL.

I predict that the Packers will find a way to get Tim Couch. Ouch.

Let me tell you right now, if the Packers get a guy named after a piece of furniture as their future quarterback, they are screwed. Couch has a number of things going for him: age, heart, experience. What's missing from that list? How about skill. But honestly, Couch wouldn't be the worst thing to happen to the Packers, Ray Rhodes currently holds that distinction.

I predict more people will see "Spider-Man 2" on opening day than will see an Expos game all season.

I predict the number of people who play disc golf will skyrocket this summer.

Disc golf courses and players are popping up like acne on the face of a Star Wars fan.

Yes, those last two were easy to predict, but I need to keep my average up.

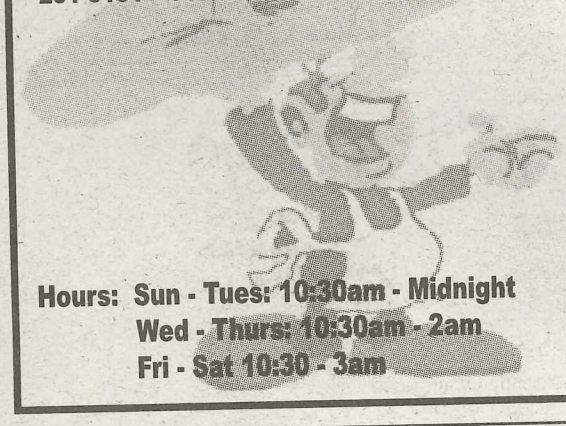


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Tim Couch could be the the latest additon to the Packers. If he becomes a Packer, he will be the sucessor to Brett Favre.

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4	1314 8th St	$780	W/D, Garage
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Blue Devils prepare for championships

Track and Field team sends runners to Eau Claire to compete in the WIAC championship.

Amy Stoegbauer

With both men's and women's seasons drawing to a close, the University of Wisconsin-Stout track and field teams look forward to competing in the WIAC championships this weekend.

Both teams competed in a WIAC qualifier tournament that was held at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Those who qualified for the championships will be competing this weekend at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The women's team, just coming off a fifth place finish at UW-La Crosse the previous week, had 24 women and three relay teams qualify for the championships.

"The season has been going well for us," said women's head coach, Joe Harlan. "I think our best marks are ahead."

The men's team had 27 individuals and three relay teams qualify for the championships.

"We have been doing well with what we have," said men's head coach, Josh Bucholtz. "Our team has been battling injuries, but the rest of the guys have stepped up."

The track and field season has been full of victories and top finishers for the Blue Devils all across the board.

The women's team broke school records early and often this season and was always near the top in events such as the triple jump, hammer throw and steeplechase.

The women's team also is nationally ranked. The Blue Devils are currently ranked 16 in the nation.

On the men's side, the team had strong performances throughout the entire season in the hurdles and discus.

Both teams are also hoping to send some of their runners to the NCAA Division III championships in Decatur Ill.

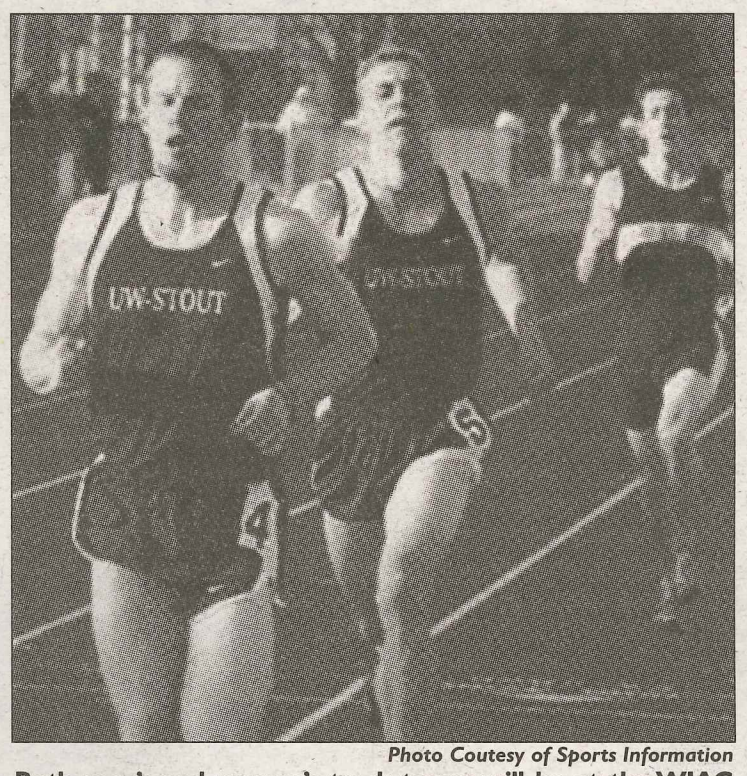


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Both men's and women's track teams will be at the WIAC championships this weekend. The meet is at UW-Eau Claire.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the Week

UW-Stout Baseball Team

Although the season may have been harder than the Blue Devils had hoped, the team had its first sweep of the season against Upper Iowa University on May 2.

The Blue Devils pounded Upper Iowa in the first game, 15-1. The team smacked in nine runs in the fourth, and six in the fifth.

In the two-inning rally, the Blue Devils sent 24 batters to the plate and left no runners stranded at the end of the innings.

The second game was much closer for the Blue Devils. The team came back from being down 3-1 and scored two runs in the eighth to win 5-3.

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performance by a UW-Stout athlete.

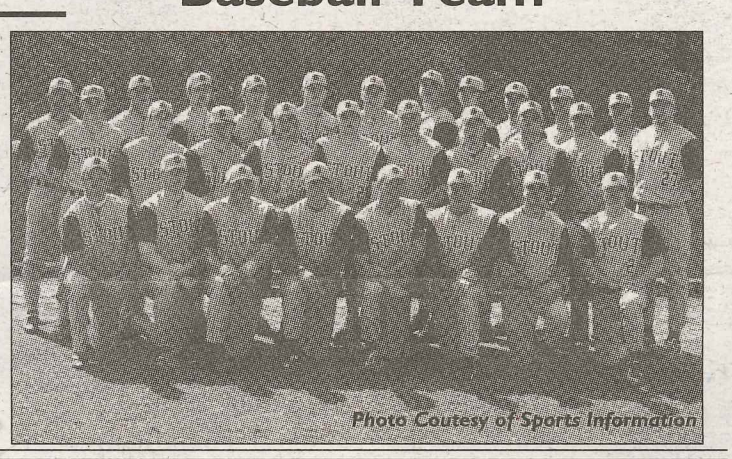


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1	1	803 Wilson Ave #3	$395	$395	n/a	n/a	All Util Included, great location	8
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
2	1	802 6th Ave #6	$525	$263	n/a	n/a	All ult. inc/ great downtown location	
2	1	619 13th Ave	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat,WSG, Hot Water, Excellent Location	4
2	1	1803 _ 7th St.	$440	$220	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large Apartment/Washer/Dryer	D
2	1	607 13th St.E #5	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy Apt Street Parking Util Inc Except Ele	8
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$395	$132	$540	$180	WASHER/DRYER/Next to campus	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$555	$185	$695	$232	Big Kitchen,Close to campus, WASHER/DRYER	D
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4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$580	$145	$700	$175	WashDry hook-up/Gas heat/Storage	D
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4	2+	147 1/2 W Main St "A"	$1380	$345	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities, Huge, great location n/p	4
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5	2	1820 8th St. B	$1125	$225	$1275	$255	New,LG Rooms,WASH/DRYER/DISHWASHER	4
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6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1175	$195	$1375	$229	Modern house/very large rooms/good location	H
6	2	321 20th Ave A	$1350	$225	$1525	$255	New Large Bedrooms, WASHER/DRYER	4
7	2	820 11th St.	$1750	$250	$2030	$290	Utilities Inc. Lg Rooms, W/D, 3rd floor br.	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,500	$150	$1,700	$170	lots of room/location	H

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The colder the bolder

Wesley Simonis

This weekend, the University of Wisconsin-Stout water ski team will be holding its Sixth Annual Frostbite Figure 8 Tournament.

It is the first barefoot tournament in the Midwest of the season, as the name of the tournament reflects. The slogan for the year is "The Colder, The Bolder."

The tournament will be held on Sat., May 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are currently 25 registered participants and four professional barefooters from around the United States.

It is a double elimination endurance competition. Two barefooters are pulled by the same boat in a figure eight pattern. They compete head-to-head in an attempt to outlast their opponent. The winner then advances to the next round.

"The tournament is a great opportunity for free entertainment for anyone," said head coordinator of the tournament, Julie Wildenberg. "It is a chance to see some of the best barefooters in the nation."

The team would like to invite the student body and the community of Menomonie to come and watch the competition.

Picnic tables will be set up at La Pointe Park on Lake Menomin located behind JTC residence hall.



Photo Courtesy of UW-Stout Water Ski Team

Jason Stanek and Tatum Treland ride some waves during a barefoot competition in early spring. The Sixth Annual Frostbite Figure 8 Tournament will have four professional barefooters.

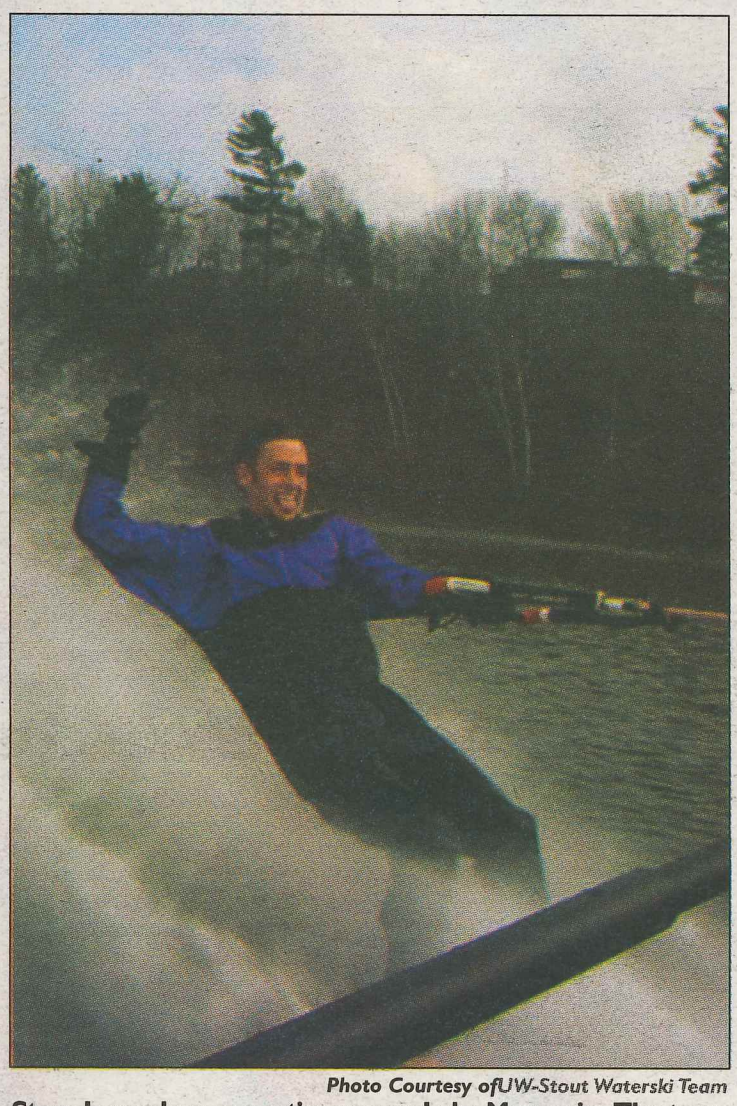


Photo Courtesy of UW-Stout Waterski Team

Steve Jones does a practice run on Lake Menomin. The tournament is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year.

There will be raffle tickets sold at the tournament, with many prizes offered from community businesses as well as national water-ski sponsors. Drawings will be held throughout the day. The team will also be selling concessions and T-shirts at the site. The Frostbite tournament is the team's biggest fundraiser of the year.

"The tournament and the team would not be possible without the help of the community," said team president, Nicholas Buchholz. "They have helped us so much with their generous donations."

Although UW-Stout's tournament is early in the season, the club has already hit the waves competitively this spring.

The first tournament of the year took place in Ames, Iowa, hosted by Iowa State University. The team took second overall against several teams from throughout the Midwest.

UW-Stout only had nine members in attendence, but all who participated did extremely well.

Eric Magnuson, Pete Cornell and Jason Stanek broke their personal records for jump-skiing and Julie Wildenberg broke her personal record for trick-skiing.

"The spring tournaments are a great way to start off the water skiing season," said Wildenberg. "It's important to get the extra practice during the early weeks of spring."

The team recently took third place overall at the Wisconsin-Open Tournament, which was in Adams-Friendship, Wis. The tournament was hosted by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

The only two teams to finish ahead of UW-Stout at the tournament were the University of Wisconsin-Madison, taking first place, and the University of Illinois, taking second.

The tournament was the equivilant of a state competition and the men's team won its division, with Steve Jones placing first in all three events: trick-skiing, jumping, and slalom.

Laura Kohlwey also landed her first jump in competition.

This season, the team has about 30 active members who practice on Lake Menomin every weeknight from 4 p.m. until dark and on some weekends also.

New members can join at any time and practices are not mandatory. The team welcomes any level of skier and is willing to teach anyone who would like to learn how to ski.

BLUE DEVIL Scoreboard

Baseball

Stout 15 — Upper Iowa 1

Game 1

Game 2: 5 — 3

Next Game: May 7-8 at Superior

Softball

1-2 in WIAC tournament

Final Record: 27-16



Track & Field

Men: 27 individual qualifiers & 3 relays

Women: 24 individual qualifiers & 3 relays

Next Meet: WIAC Championships

